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Industry optimism at highest level since 1976

By Sarah Hogg and Jonathan Davis

In its most confident report on manufacturing prospects since the mid-1970s, the Confederation of British Industry today forecasts that economic growth in Britain should continue well into 1985.

And a report from a leading City economist argues that the Chancellor will have scope for large tax cuts over the next four years even if his key assumptions prove too optimistic.

However, the CBI forecasts no reduction in unemployment by 1985 – and a special report from another City stockbroker forecasts a further rise in unemployment by the end of the 1980s.

The CBI's March survey of manufacturing trends, based on replies from 1,800 companies shows that the balance of firms expecting to increase output over the next four months is higher than at any time since September 1976, well before the recent slump. Of the firms, 39 per cent expected to raise output, while only 7 per cent expected to reduce it. The proportion of firms reporting order books below normal was only 7 per cent, compared with 41 per cent in April 1983.

The balance of firms expecting to raise prices over the next four months was 35 per cent, slightly lower than in January or February.

The CBI's post-Budget forecast, published with its monthly trends inquiry, predicts that manufacturing output will grow by 3½ per cent in 1984 and by 4 per cent in 1985. This means the CBI is even more optimistic about manufacturing recovery than the Government.

Sir James Cleminson, chairman of the CBI's Economic Situation Committee, said the survey "points to the recovery becoming more widespread, with the improvement no longer confined to the consumer goods sector."

The CBI believes the improvement in exorts and investment is spreading expansion to other areas of manufacturing, although it expects Britain to continue losing some of its share of world markets. It expects productivity to continue rising rapidly in manufacturing, by 5 per cent both this year and next. However, that means it also expects the number of jobs in manufacturing to continue falling.

For the economy as a whole, the CBI is forecasting 3 per cent growth in national output this year, slowing to 2 per cent next year, closely in line with official forecasts. But the CBI believes unemployment will be higher, on average, this year than last and stay at this level in 1985.

A special analysis published today by the stockbroking firm Capel Cure Myers argues that jobs will not be created fast enough to provide for the increase in the labour force between now and 1990.

Capel Cure Myers follows other leading City analysts in arguing that the Chancellor's plans for controlling the level of public spending are too optimisic, but Mr Gavyn Davies, the economics consultant with the stockbroker Simon and Coates, calculates that the Chancellor has plenty of room for tax cuts in successive years.

If his Budget assumptions on growth and inflation are borne out, Mr Davies says, Mr Lawson can make tax cuts totalling £3,500m between now and 1989 – the full sum allowed for in the Chancellor's own published strategy.

And if inflation rises 1 per cent above the Chancellor's forecast Mr Davies argues that Mr Lawson might have £1,000m more to give away each year, provided he did not increase his cash limits for public spending.

An early warning on inflation is given by Sir James Clemison. Although the CBI's forecast shows inflation remaining "roughly stable", Sir James gave some hint of the CBI's nervousness about the recent trend in wage claims. He said the sustained moderate pay settlements".

The CBI's post-Budget forecast points to a further increase in company profits. The real return before tax for industrial and commercial companies is expected to rise from 6½ per cent in 1983 to 8½ per cent in 1984 and remain at roughly this level in 1985.

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Hero's return: Hello Dandy, the Grand National winner, is congratulated by owner, Richard Shaw (left) on his return to Greystoke. Anne Marie Richards, daughter of Gordon, the winning trainer, and Larry Poland, Hallo Dandy's lad, join in the celebrations. Report page 20.

Pit vote veto as police move in

By Barrie Clement Labour Reporter

The leadership of the National [illegible] of Mineworkers made [illegible] yesterday that it had n[illegible] of calling an emerge[illegible] meeting of the execu[illegible] order a national strike [illegible]

M[illegible], police reinforcem[illegible] drafted into the [illegible]shire area last night as [illegible] that there would [illegible] clashes today between [illegible] and pitmen who have [illegible] to return to work.

[illegible] campaign to win maxi[illegible] backing for the stoppage [illegible] spelling out the price of his union's cooperation.

Mr Sirs said that his union was likely to withdraw support from the action unless the transport unions agreed to black steel imports in return.

Speaking on *Weekend World*, Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the union, insisted that there was no prospect of a ballot being called before the scheduled executive meeting on April 12. Even then, he said, they would do no more than "monitor" the situation.

Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary, said in a radio interview that pressure for a ballot was coming from outside the union and was designed to prevent miners in Yorkshire and Scotland defending their jobs.

However, pitmen from at least four Lancashire collieries will try to return to work today after a decision by a delegate meeting at Bolton on Saturday to withdraw support for the strike.

The vote was finely balanced and led to Mr Sid Vincent, the Lancashire area secretary, saying that they were "split down the middle".

Yesterday, miners at two of the seven pits in Lancashire, Bold and Sutton Manor, both near St Helens, decided to defy the decision of the delegate meeting and continue the stoppage.

They will try to "picket out" colleagues at other pits return-

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Nearly 90 per cent of trade unionists think the National Union of Mineworkers should hold a national strike ballot, according to a survey conducted on Friday and Saturday by Market & Opinion Research International.

If the vote favoured a stoppage, 45 per cent would be prepared to defy the law to support the pitmen, compared with 26 per cent if no ballot was taken.

In a National Opinion Poll conducted for the *Mail on Sunday*, 69 per cent of NUM members supported a national ballot.

Britons die in Swiss avalanche

Two British women teachers and two other people believed to be ski instructors were swept to their deaths yesterday in an avalanche at Saas Grund in Switzerland. Several children in their charge were believed to have been buried by snow but were not injured.

China seen as world leader

The five great powers of the twenty-first century will be China, Japan, the Soviet Union, the United States and West Germany, a poll taken in 10 Western nations predicts Page 4

Multiple births

Experts in test-tube baby techniques are becoming increasingly divided in their views of the risks of multiple pregnancies, and some advocate restricting the number of embryos implanted Page 3

Under pressure

The Commercial Union insurance group will be pressed for a statement following a 28 per cent jump in share values and weekend speculation that the company may sell its loss-making American arm Page 15

Safety action

The Department of Trade and Industry will announce proposals shortly to introduce severe penalties on importers, manufacturers and traders who supply unsafe goods Page 3

Chess draw

The tenth game in the world chess semi-final between Gary Kasparov and Vasili Smyslov ended in a draw, the seventh draw in the series.

Sikhs back down

Sikh leaders in the Punjab called off a week of planned demonstrations after the Indian government agreed to a constitional amendment Page 8

Jackson crowds

The Rev Jesse Jackson drew the largest crowds in the New York primary campaign in Harlem. He aims to capture more than 20 per cent of the votes cast Page 8

Bar monopoly

A committee of the Bar meets today to consider a response to last week's call by solicitors for equal advocacy rights in higher courts Page 3

Airfields selloff

The Government has told the Civil Aviation Authority to press ahead with plans to sell eight airfields in remote parts of the Scottish Highlands and islands Page 15

Cap fits at last

Injuries to five squad players have assured the Liverpool left back Alan Kennedy of his first England cap nine years after his first call up Page 18

Curb on employers deducting levy

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Employers are to be prevented by law from deducting the political levy from trade unionists who tell them they do not wish to pay it under a significant change to the Trade Union Bill to be announced in the Commons today by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment.

But the expected concession appeared unlikely last night to be sufficient to head off a rebellion on the Bill's report stage by some Conservative backbenchers angry over the Government's decision not to change the basis of the levy by giving all trade unionists an automatic right to exemption.

They are to press to a vote a new clause, which Mr King has refused to accept, which would change the basis of the levy from one of "contracting out", as at present, to one of "contracting in" in which trade unionists would have consciously to opt to pay the levy to the Labour Party.

Almost ninety MPs had signed the new clause by the end of last week. Mr King will oppose it because of the voluntary deal he reached last month with TUC leaders for a code of guidance under which it would be made easier for union members to contract out if they wished. His view is that the voluntary agreement must be given a chance to operate but he has indicated that if it proved unsatisfactory the Government would legislate.

Mr King will, however, accept in principle, an amendment to be moved by Mr Timothy Renton, president of the Conservative Trade Unionists, making it illegal for

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EEC price deal threatens one in six dairy farms

By Colin Hughes

The EEC agreement on farm prices and production quotas which comes into force today will cut British milk production by 200,000 gallons a year and lead to about 300,000 dairy cattle being slaughtered.

One in six of Britain's 58,000 farms with dairy holdings could be forced out of business, angry farmers claimed after community ministers reached an agreement on the common agricultural policy at the weekend.

The deal will nonetheless only halve the EEC's milk lakes and butter mountains. In the United Kingdom, there are now 170,000 tonnes of dried skimmed milk in storage, and 100,000 tonnes of butter. Throughout Europe 900,000 tonnes of butter are being stored.

The cuts will be the result of a seven per cent reduction in Britain's dairy quota. Milk producers would pay a super levy, making prifitable production impossible, if the quota was exceeded.

The Ministry of Agriculture [illegible] "a slight time" but rejected suggestions that consumers would be hit by price rises. "There is just too much surplus around," said a spokesman.

Out of the 13 million cattle in Britain, more than three million are now dairy producing. Farmers can stem their yield to meet the new quota by either feeding the cows less or by killing them for beef.

The beef herd of 1,300,000 will be largely unaffected by the deal, although a 20 per cent reduction in the special subsidy could mean more high-grade beef being exported.

The community already has a 400,000-tonne beef surplus and Britain's exports are expected to rise by 50,000 tonnes to 629,000 tonnes this year.

The remainder of Britain's cattle are for breeding or they [illegible] is undecided. Many now face the abattoir instead of pasture.

Under the deal Dutch and West German dairy farmers suffer the same 7 per cent quota reduction, and only the Irish will be able to produce more. EEC countries consume 88,000 tonnes of milk a year.

Despite every member county's acceptance of price increases well below their inflation rates, agriculture will still cost the EEC at least £500m more than it has available.

Expensive night, page 6

Shultz rules out summit with Russia

By Our Foreign Staff

The Atlantic Alliance has withstood a year of strains over a succession of contentious issues. Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, has told *The Times* in a wide-ranging interview, during which he expressed determination for a continued strong American role in the Middle East, but held out little hope of an early summit with the Soviet Union.

President Reagan was ready, he said, for a summit "if it can be prepared well and have some chance of producing something significant".

Mr Shultz was adamant that the United States would "stay engaged" in the Middle East, where he believed most people wanted the US role to contine.

The Secretary of State expressed disappointment that Western Europe had withheld support for last year's invasion of Grenada, but admitted a lack of consultation, saying this was because time was short.

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Three lost in steel plant blast

From a Staff Reporter

Three men were missing, presumed dead last night after an explosion at the British Steel works at Lackenby, near Middlesbrough, Teeside. Cooling pipes were ripped open, flooding the underground cellar plate mill where they were carrying out maintenance work.

Police divers searched in vain for the men. It is understood that oil leaking from hydraulic gear onto hot steel plates may have caused the explosion.

BMA brokers' advice

Invest in tobacco, doctors told

By Nicholas Timmins

The British Medical Association, which has been in the forefront of campaigns against smoking, is advising its members to invest in tobacco company shares through British Medical Association Services, an investment advice company which it runs jointly with Jardine Glanville, an international firm of investment brokers.

The association's position was described yesterday as being "like condemning the Mafia while taking a cut from the numbers racket" by Dr Gabriel Scally, a senior registrar in community medicine.

Other doctors said that they were embarrassed that the BMA was encouraging its members to make a profit out of smoking.

However, an appeal for the association to stop offering such financial advice was narrowly defeated at a meeting of the BMA's junior members' forum

Dr Tony Keable-Elliott, treasurer of the BMA and a director of BMAS, said that the morality of whether to buy the shares was a matter for individual doctors. BMAS was merely offering the best investment advice available.

The suggestion to buy shares in tobacco companies and in firms in which tobacco companies have a large stake is included in an investment portfolio being circulated to those of the association's 70,000 members who ask for investment advice.

Dr Keable-Elliott said that if the association took a stand on investing in tobacco companies there was no limit to other possible objections – alcohol, South African gold and the defence industries, for example. "We are living in a capitalist country."

Pretoria recalls UK envoy

Cape Town (Reuter, AP) – South Africa has recalled its ambassador to Britain for urgent consultations after four South Africans and a Briton were charged in Coventry with illegally exporting military equipment to South Africa, the Foreign Minister, Mr Roelof "Pik" Botha, said yesterday.

The five appeared in court on Saturday accused of breaking a United Nations embargo on sales of strategic goods to South Africa, involving components used in anti-missile weaponry.

Mr Botha said the recall of the ambassador, Mr Marais Steyn, was linked with the arrests but he gave no details. The accused were named as Stephanus de Jager, aged 49, a financial manager; Jacobus le Grange, aged 38, an engineer; William Metelerkamp, aged 41, a managing director; Hendrik Botha, aged 49, a company director; and exports buyer Michael Swann, aged 32, of Royston, Hertfordshire.

Sunday newspapers have said the four South Africans worked for Armscor, the Government-controlled company which supervises development of South African weapons in the face of the embargo.

Since its creation in 1961 as the Munitions Production Board, later called the Armaments Development and Production Corporation, Armscor has succeeded in making South Africa a weapons exporter.

Opponents of Pretoria's racial laws regularly accuse Western, and even some Eastern block, nations of ducking the embargo by selling items which South Africa uses to build its arms industry.

In addition to a full line of infantry weapons, Armscor has developed multiple rocket launchers and missiles. In 1982 it unveiled what has been described as one of the world's most mobile pieces of artillery, the G6, a tyre-mounted, long-range gun suited for extended forays over rocky terrain.



Soldiers' new chief: President Suazo Córdova flanked by guards after his television address to the nation.

Honduran President ousts military chief

From Alan Tomlinson, Tegucigalpa

The chief of the armed forces in Honduras, General Gustavo Alvarez Martinez, has been removed from office with three other generals by the civilian President, Dr Roberto Suazo Córdova.

Reports from San José say that the four generals have been offered political asylum in Costa Rica.

General Alvarez, often seen as the real power behind President Suazo Córdova's two-year-old democratic Government, was ousted swiftly and efficiently.

He was escorted to the airport on Saturday morning and was in Costa Rica even before his family became aware of what had happened. His wife heard the news over the radio as she waited for her husband at a christening, at which the general was to have been godfather.

The radio said simply that his resignation had been accepted, along with that of his chief of staff, General José Bueso Rosa, the naval commander, General Rubén Montoya, and the police chief, General Daniel Bali Castillo.

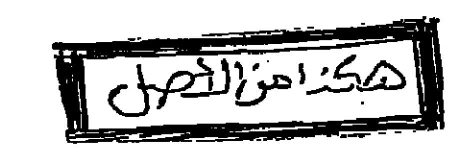
President Suazo Córdova, the aging country doctor who became the country's first elected head of state after 18 years of military rule, had assumed control of the armed forces.

It later emerged that the manoeuvre had been supported by the Air Force commander, General Walter López Reyes, the man now most likely to replace General Alvarez, and a group of disaffected junior officers.

Western diplomats in Honduras expressed profound surprise at the turn of events. Few had credited the President with enough influence on the military to topple General Alvarez, despite growing internal dissatisfaction at a style of leadership that was said to be arrogant and avaricious.

In a broadcast on Saturday night to a calm but stunned nation, President Suazo Córdova reiterated his view that the Army had no business to be dealing in politics.

● War games: Honduras began a new round of war games with the United States yesterday despite the sudden resignation of the four military leaders (Reuter reports).



Government policy being breached in public and private sector pay deals

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Fresh evidence has emerged that the Government's strategy on pay and its 3 per cent guideline are being breached throughout public and private industry.

In the latest "*Bargaining Report*" published by the left-wing funded Labour Research Department, private sector workers are said to be getting rises of 7 per cent, while those employed by state-linked bodies are winning in[illegible] of more than 8 per cent.

Basic assum[illegible] made by the Cabinet on [illegible] way wage rises are being [illegible] are also questioned in a [illegible]dential report by the [illegible]official Office of Manpower Economics, which puts at 6 per cent the wage rises received by non-government white-collar workers.

The private sector labour market does not operate on the basis of supply and demand, it says in a report presented to the Council of Civil Service Unions and the Treasury. Companies which find little difficulty in recruitment and retention of staff were still having to increase wages at or near the average rate.

The report also finds that more than 64 per cent of white-collar workers in private companies have settled above the average inflation rate, which over he past six months has been around 5.1 per cent.

Increases over the past year or so, have remained steady, it says, compared with recent figures from the Confederation of British Industry which indicated a downward trend, an observation also made by the labour researchers.

Commenting on their own statistics, the labour researchers say that the Government and employers' organizations "have deliberately been playing down the level of settlements won by trade unions".

It finds that company deals are running far higher than industry wide settlements

That is contradicted by the manpower economics study, whose findings will not only be used in negotiations between 500,000 non-industrial civil servants, but will also influence bargaining on behalf of 900,000 health service workers and others employed by local authorities and the education services.

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No of agreements	21[illegible]	[illegible]33	195	20
No of workers covered	82[illegible]	[illegible]258	2923	342
Weight[illegible]	5.17%	[illegible]00%	5.17%	8.10%

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New Ac[illegible] would raise rents

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Ministers are planning a new Rent Act, aimed at increasing private sector rents and encouraging new landlords into a market which is shrinking at the rate of 100,000 homes a year.

But Mr Ian Gow, the Minister for Housing, has ruled out any move to abolish the fair rent system under which rents are fixed at a notional amount which disregards the principles of demand and scarcity.

There have been strong Conservative demands for the abolition of rent control and a return to the free market; the new legislation will therefore disappoint the Conservative right wing as well as anger the Labour Opposition.

Nevertheless, Mr Gow, who served as Mrs Thatcher's close parliamentary aide for four years in the last Parliament, is determined to halt if not reverse the decline in the private rented sector.

He told the Conservative Party conference last year that rent control had dried up the supply of accommodation and injured the people it was meant to protect.

The private rented sector has plunged from 8.5 million homes after the Second World War to about two million today, from about 90 per cent of the market after the First World War to about 10 per cent today.

Abolition of rent control would reverse the trend, but it would also impose an impossible housing benefit burden on the Treasury.

Drive for economic intelligence starts

By Peter Hennessy

A new drive to gather economic intelligence on Britain's potential enemies and commercial rivals is under way in Whitehall after a top-level review of the secret Cabinet Office organization responsible for its assessment and use.

The review was stimulated by Sir Peter Middleton who became Permanent Secretary to the Treasury last Easter. It represents a striking change of policy on the Treasury's part after several years in which the value and importance of economic intelligence had been downgraded and the staff devoted to it cut.

The work is supervised by a secret Cabinet committee of officials knoen in Whitehall by its initials, JIC(EA) [Joint Intelligence Committee (Economic Assessments)]. Its members include representatives from the Treasury, Foreign Office, Ministry of Defence, Department of Trade and Industry, MI5, MI6, and the Government Communications Headquarters.

● From today staff at the Government Communications Headquarters in Cheltenham will be subject to lie-detection tests on the polygraph which has been introduced as part of the security vetting procedure after the Geoffrey Prime case. (Our Cheltenham Correspondent writes).

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MEP will fight Welsh by-election

By Our Political Reporter

Mrs Ann Clywd, European MP for Mid and West Wales and a member of Labour's national executive committee, will contest the by-election at Cynon Valley, south Wales.

Mrs Clywd, a Welsh speaker, defeated Mr Bryan Davies, former MP for Enfield, North; Mr Reg Race, former MP for Wood Green; Mr Gwilym Roberts, former MP for Cannock; Mr Caerwyn Roderik, former MP for Brecon and Radnor and Mr Alun Williams, a local official. She received strong support from union branches.

Some party leaders expect the poll to be held soon to capitalize on Labour's improved showing in the opinion polls. Mr Ioan Evans, who died in February, had a majority of 13,074 for Labour at the general election.

Sellafield alarm

British Nuclear Fuels confirmed yesterday that there was a release of radioactive material within a building at the Sellafield complex in January. Stff were examined after a radiation alarm went off but were found not to have been harmed.

'Forgotten' Greene novel to be published

By Patricia Clough

A novel by Graham Greene, which has been lying forgotten in a Hollywood vault for nearly 40 years, is to be published next spring.

The book, titled *The Tenth Man*, is set in France immediately after its liberation from German occupation. It is believed to be about hostility between Parisians who collaborated with the Germans and those who resisted.

It was written by Greene for the MGM film company under what he calls a "slave contract" which meant that it wholly owned the work. It was not filmed and the manuscript was forgotten until MGM recently offered it to Mr Anthony Blond, a British publisher. He bought the world rights f £8,000.

Plans to publish the novel were intended to remain secret, not to detract attention from Greene's next book *Getting to Know the General*, which is due to be published this autumn. But the author made the disclosure himself in an interview published in *The Sunday Times* yesterday.

In it, Greene told Norman Lebrecht he had forgotten about the novel. "As far as I remembered it was an idea I had jotted down on two sheets of notepaper."

When he was told it was going to be published he did not take it seriously at first. "But when it reached me I saw it was a short novel of some 60,000 words. I had obviously written and revised it thoroughly.

"I was planning to use all kinds of blackmail to stop it being published. Then to my disquiet I found it was really rather good, in fact better than *The Third Man*." *The Third Man* is Greene's early film masterpiece written three years later and set in postwar Vienna.

The novel will be published by Mr Blond and the Bodley Head and, according to *The Sunday Times*, MGM is reconsidering making a film of it. Under his old MGM contract Greene, it seems does not stand to make a penny out of it.

Marathon men: Mr David Musgrove (left) who has been totally blind since the age of 22, and his "human guide dog", Mr Peter Felix, competing in a 13 mile half marathon at Thamesmead, south-east London yesterday. They hope to raise £20,000 for the British Disabled Water Ski Association by competing in the London marathon in May. Mr Musgrove, aged 42, runs tethered to Mr Felix by a flexible cord. They completed the course in under two hours 10 minutes (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

VAT on rebuilding 'devastating to conservation sites'

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Save Britain's Heritage group is launching a campaign today to try to persuade the Chancellor of the Exchequer to withdraw his deicision to extend value-added tax to all building reconstruction work from June 1. The group claims that the action will have a devastating effect on the conservation of historic buildings.

At present the renovation of historic buildings is competitive in economic terms with new building, which it VAT-free, but the heritage group says that individuals and organizations in the field of conservation are considering whether they will be able after June 1 to restore decaying historic buildings on a viable commercial basis.

In a report published today the group concludes: "The results of Mr Lawson's Budget are bleak. Building preservation trusts will no longer be able to buy, repari and sell derelict buildings. Some will become insolvent or eventually bankrupt.

The irony, it believes, is that the Chancellor will not collect his 15 per cent VAT because people will no longer wish to renovate older buildings. They will leave them to decay and demolish them or build new buildings elsewhere. "In the next five years if Mr Lawson's changes are implemented the number of applications to demolish listed buildings and buildings in conservation areas will increase dramatically. The number of consents to demolish will rise accordingly and Britain's architectural heritage will be drastically, brutally and irrevocably diminished".

The plea comes on the day of the official launching of the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, whose chairman is Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, it takes over responsibility for the Department of the Environment's ancient monuments in England other than royal palaces.

Mr Lawson, You Have Damned our Best Hopes for Britain's Historic Buildings. (Save Britain's Heritage, 68 Battersea High Street, London SW11 3HX; £1).

● The Duke of Edinburgh is to chair an inquiry into the state of Britain's housing, initiated by the National Federation of Housing Associations. It will take a year to consider evidence, with particular emphasis on the difficulties facing those with low or limited incomes. Its recommendations will be presented to the Government in April, 1985.

Back united Ireland, Reagan told

By Richard Ford

President Reagan has been urged by Mr Charles Haughey, leader of Fianna Fail, to condemn the partition of Ireland during his visit to the republic in June, and to make Irish unity a main objective of United States foreign policy.

Mr Haughey told 5,000 cheering delegates at his party's annual conference in Dublin on Saturday that such a declaration would be a tribute to the contribution which Irish Americans had made to the building of the US.

He said that the US had the capacity to bring Britain to play a constructive role in the Northern Ireland question.

"This is a problem of the Western world. It is a very black spot as far as the Western democracies are concerned and America should have a positive position in regard to it", Mr Haughey said.

His attempt to draw the president into Anglo-Irish relations is likely to cause embarrassment in Washington and anger in Britain.

Crystal ball falls short of prediction

By Geraldine Norman

Sotheby's offered a crystal ball in New York on Saturday, but although a number of magicians and fortune-tellers attended the sale they proved not to be as rich as Sotheby's had foretold. The ball sold to an art collector for $38,500 (estimate $50,000 to $60,000), or £26,551.

The flawless rock-crystal ball is supported by a Japanese silver dragon with a sinuous scaly tail and ferocious fangs. It dates from the Meiji period and was sold to an American collector of Japanese art, bidding over the telephone.

The two-session sale of Japanese art totalled £491,680 but 23 per cent was left unsold. British dealers were well represented but were most often outbid by American collectors.

An American paid $26,400 (estimated $20,000 to 30,000), or £18,206, for a pair of cloisonné enamel vases of the Meiji period decorated with flowers.

At Christie's in New York a sale of art nouveau and art déco attracted very competitive bidding.

Labour to persist on Oman

By Colin Hughes

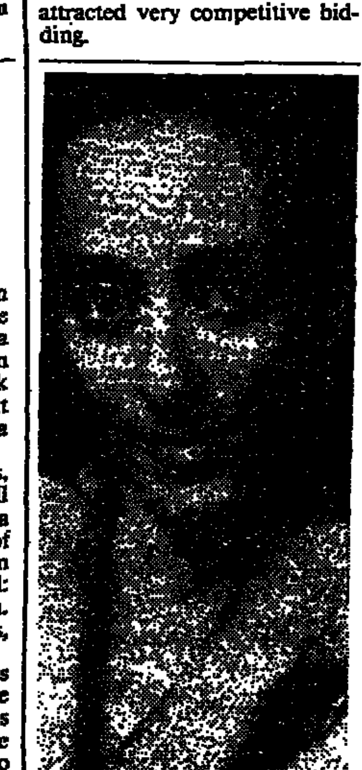
Labour MPs are to maintain their questioning of the Prime Minister's role in securing a contract to build a university in Oman, despite Mr Mark Thatcher's claim yesterday that his family was the victim of a vendetta.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, MP for Workington, who will attempt tomorrow to present a minority report to the House of Commons Select Committee on Members' Interests, said: "What he does is up to *him*. What she does is our business, and we intend to persist."

Mr Alan Williams, Labour's deputy shadow leader of the Commons, said Mrs Thatcher's son, who was consultant for the £300m contract which went to Cementation Construction, could have denied his mother's part when he gave an exclusive interview to *The Mail on Sunday* yesterday.

"The *implication* of his failure to use this unique opportunity to answer the central question will be fully understood by everyone who has followed the incidents surrounding the Oman contract," Mr Willliams said.

The Prime Minister's son has moved to New York and taken a £45,000 sales job for Lotus, after losing most of his clients



New arrival: Ana Maria Botafogo, prima ballerina with the Brazilian Ballet, is to dance with the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet as guest star, beginning with a perfomance of 'Raymonda Act III' on Wednesday evening. Miss Botafogo, aged 26, began her career almost by chance when she went to France to perfect her French and took dancing lessons there. She was invited to join the Marseilles Ballet and returned to Brazil in 1977.

Brittan plan for weekend jailing

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, is planning new measures to reduce prison overcrowding by extending the community service order system to fine defaulters and diverting mentallty disordered offenders away from prison custody.

He is also to publish proposals foreshadowed last November to make some offenders serve sentences at weekends only or on one day a week, within the next two or three weeks.

To fulfil his declared aim of ending prison overcrowding by the end of the decade, he is expected to introduce changes in an important criminal justice Bill which is being planned for later in the present Parliament.

About 25,000 people a year are imprisoned, usually for short terms, for failing to pay fines. But Mr Britten has said that imprisonment in those cases should be only a alast resort.

Powers to apply community service orders to defaulters exist under the Criminal Justice Act 1972. They have never been brought into force, mainly because of the objection of the probation service to the idea of people who have been ordered to do community service "buying themselves out".

That, it has been argued, would be against the spirit of the system.

Cautions widened

Scotland Yard is widening the use of cautioning to handle some offences as a way of improving police efficiency and economizing on the use of court time.

The policy began yesterday and means that cautions can be administered for a range of offences

In general the caution will be administered at a police station by an officer of the rank of inspector when an accused has admitted guilt. The caution will be kept on an adult-cautioning index for three years.

Hope of £200 million air deal

From Edward Townsend Rio de Janeiro

A new international aerospace collaboration deal between Britain and Brazil could bring an initial £200m contract and up to 20 years' of work to Belfast.

The deal, dependent in the first stage on the much fought over order from the Royal Air Force for a new basic trainer aircraft, could be only the first fruit of longer term cooperation between Shorts of Belfast and Empressa Brasileira de Aeronautica (Embraer).

The RAF has narrowed its choice for a replacement for its aging jet Provosts to four aircraft, although the fierce battle to land the contract is now between the Tucano from Shorts/Embraer and the PC9, an aircraft being designed jointly by Pilatus of Switzerland and British Aerospace.

Intense political lobbying is now taking place to secure the RAF order

Moderate miners lose power and way

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor







Voices of moderation: (left to right) Mr Sid Vincent and Mr Trevor Bell. Mr Len Clarke and Mr Les Story are now retired.

The leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers are as divided as their members over what is the best strategy in the present dispute, but a new element has been introduced into the power equation.

Moderates, who enjoyed an unassailable authority during the 10-year presidency of Mr Joe Gormley in the 1970s and early 1980s have not only lost their leader – they have lost their way and their built-in majority.

Gone are the days when the left-wing general secretary, Mr Lawrence Daly, would exhaust himself in argument and then turn to the president saying, "Go on, Joe, pull the lever", to watch his logic disappear in a forest of raised hands.

The left now has 12-12 parity on the union's executive of 24, and Mr Scargill has a casting vote, giving an effective majority to the militants. All that explains, in part, at least, their remakably supine behaviour of the past few months.

The only break in this pattern was last week's "secret" talks at a public house in Leicester when eight moderate areas jointly demanded an emergency executive meeting to call a pithead ballot. There was no response from the two union national officials who have the power to call such a meeting.

Often against their better judgment, the moderates have gone along with the hard-line policy decisions of the union's annual conference, even though they have failed the ultimate test of approval by the membership in a secret pithead ballot.

With its unimpeachable commitment to democracy, the union is essentially ruled by annual referendum. For the past decade and more, a winter pithead ballot has been held to determine whether there will be peace or war over wages and colliery closures.

The agenda for that referendum was set by the moderates until Mr Scargill won his runaway victory in the presidential election three years ago.

The scale of defeat unnerved the right-wing coalfield "barons" who dominated the national executive numerically but failed to carry that majority into practice.

The left's first intention was to restructure the executive, as it was lopsided in favour of their political rivals, who sustained power through perpetuating coalfield areas with few members but politically reliable representatives.

That strategy was quietly dropped in the face of right-wing acquiescence in the militants' policies. Without Mr Gormley and his old-fashioned power brokers, Mr Len Clarke, of the Nottinghamshire miners, and Mr Les Story, of the white-collar section, who also retired, the moderates were leaderless.

The affability of Mr Sid Vincent, of the Lancashire miners, and the undoubted industrial relations expertise of Mr Trevor Bell, the white-collar section's new leader, were not enough to provide a new source of leadership to halt the steady advance of the left.

The ascendancy of the left was helped by shifts within some traditionally moderate coalfields. Durham, historically the power base of the tough right, was eroded sharply by pit closures to the point where it ejected the full-time president, Mr Tom Callan, in favour of an unknown branch secretary, Mr Billy Stobbs, from Easington pit, an engaging left-winger.

Northumberland, which returned a 52 per cent majority for the strike, now sends Mr Denis Murphy, a leader who is less representative of the customary "right is right" attitude.

The moderates have not only lost unqualified power – they are set to lose even more ground. National Coal Board plans to close "temporarily" the one-pit Cumberland area will rob the right of another vote.

In the end, however, the power struggle within the union leadership will be determined less by the rival postures of the coalfield officials than by the rank-and-file perception of what they can achieve – and that is why the moderates are continuing to push for an early ballot.

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	Left		Right
Scotland	Michael McGahey	Durham mechanics	Ron Dunn
	Eric Clarke	Northumberland	Denis Murphy
Durham	Billy Stobbs	Cumberland	Harry Hanlon
Yorkshire	Jack Taylor	Lancashire	Sid Vincent
	John Weaver	Leicestershire	Jack Jones
	Owen Briscoe	South Derbyshire	Ken Toon
North Derbyshire	Gordon Butler	Nottinghamshire	Ray Chadburn
Nottinghamshire	Henry Richardson	Midlands	Jim Colgan
South Wales	George Rees	Cokemen	Idwal Morgan
	Emlyn Williams	Midlands craftsmen	Roy Ottey
Kent	Wesley Chambers	North Wales	Ted McKay
Scottish craftsmen	Abe Moffat	Colliery officials	Trevor Bell



Importers and traders face severe penalties under unsafe goods law

By Robin Young

The Department of Trade and Industry is to announce proposals to introduce severe penalties on importers, manufacturers and traders who supply unsafe goods, following West Germany's example over the past 16 years.

Mr Alex Fletcher, Under Secretary of State for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, told the National Consumer Congress in Liverpool yesterday that proposals to introduce a general legal obligation to supply safe goods would be announced "in a month or so".

Earlier, delegates in the conference working group was told by trading standards officers that consumer protection against dangerous goods in Britain was in "an appalling state of crisis".

Mr Paul Allen, chairman of the policy committee of the Institute of Trading Standards, said: "The past 10 years have seen things deteriorate to the stage where we cannot be sure of anything in the market place".

The congress passed a resolution, championed by Mr Allen, deploring the lack of effective enforcement against counterfeit goods, particularly where safety was involved.

The examples cited included unsafe brake parts for the HS748 passenger aircraft, which carries up to 60 passengers, were found to be made of mild steel which would have melted in an emergency stop.

Other unsafe counterfeits included eye drops without active ingredients, and conceptive pills which were not genuine.

Mr Allen said that Mr Fletcher's announcement marked "a major step forward", even though the Minister emphasized that the new legislation would have to be enforced within the existing resources. In the case of most unsafe goods now on sale, action could be taken only after they had reached the shop.

Mr Fletcher also announced that he hoped to introduce a Bill by the end of the year to make it more difficult for insurance companies to disallow customers' claims on the ground that they had failed to disclose relevant facts when proposing or renewing their policies.

That would be in line with a recommendation made by the Law Commission in 1980 that the proposer's duty of disclosure should be subject to the test of reasonableness.

Legislation had been delayed by technical drafting difficulties but would, Mr Fletcher said, leave much less doubt as to what information was required when taking out insurance.



Family fashion: Jemma, sporting a track suit, and her mother, Nina Carter, the model, at a preview of British Home Stores summer collection yesterday. A fashion show in aid of NSPCC will be held in London today.

Threat to plans for book subsidies

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

Plans for the Arts Council and the publishing industry to join forces in an attempt to lower the price of quality books to the public have emerged as a hidden victim of last week's Arts Council shift of grants.

The creation of a literature investment trust, backed by £60,000 from the council in the first year, and an equivalent amount from the publishing industry, now seems certain to be scrapped.

Mr Luke Rittner, the council's secretary-general, has said that the decision on the trust's future is a matter for the council's own literature panel.

But the panel saw its budget cut by half to £450,000 last week

The trust was designed to offer subsidies to book buyers similar to those available to theatre and opera-goers. It would have reduced the price of selected books chosen by a committee of publishing industry representatives and Arts Council officials.

The scheme's supporters say that that would have been a particular help in the provinces, which the council strategy is designed to strengthen.

Mr Michael Holroyd, the biographer and former vice-chairman of the literature panel, who was one of the scheme's originators, said yesterday: "Quite frankly, I cannot see it going ahead."

Doctors are divided on multiple births

By Thomas Prentice
Science Correspondent

Experts in test-tube baby techniques are becoming increasingly divided in their views of the risks of multiple pregnancies among women who undergo the treatment.

Dr Robert Edwards, who pioneered the technique with Dr Patrick Steptoe at Cambridge six years ago, said yesterday that the births of triplets and quadruplets in many parts of the world to mothers who have had in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment were now too numerous to be explained without further research.

He and Dr Steptoe, who have supervised the birth of 400 test-tube babies, have been advocating restrictions on the number of embryos implanted in women seeking a pregnancy, to two or three.

[illegible] Craft, [illegible] Hospital, London, argues that "an arbitrary decision limiting the number of embryos that should be transferred in an IVF programme will not be in the patients' best interests.

Professor Craft, who has delivered 20 test-tube babies, including triplets born in January and twins last December, challenges some of the views previously expressed by Dr Edwards and Dr Steptoe.

"Until IVF and embryo transfer become more predictable, the number of embryos to transfer should be a matter for clinical judgment," he writes.

Dr Edwards said: "We went from the implantation of one embryo to two and then to three very cautiously, and we have now decided to restrict the number to three. For Professor Craft and others, the implantation of six or seven embryos continues to be acceptable."

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Food fat guide considered

The Government is considering the possibility of some foods and drinks being marketed with details of their animal fat content as a health guideline to consumers.

Foods with high levels of cholesterol, such as meat, butter and eggs, have been linked with increased risks of heart disease. Many health experts are advocating radical changes in diet.

The Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday that the possibility of labelling foods with their animal fat contents was being considered, but that no approaches had been made to the food industry.

Veteran 'Street' actor dies

Mr Jack Howarth, the actor who played the grumpy pensioner Albert Tatlock in Coronation Street since its first episode, on December 9, 1960, died in Llandudno general hospital, north Wales, on Saturday. He was 88.

Mr Howarth, who had appeared in about 1,700 episodes, was last seen on television on January 25. The producer of the series, Mr Mervyn Watson, said yesterday: "He was due back later this month".

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Pay telephone

British Telecom has refused to instal an additional public telephone kiosk at Silverdale, north Lancashire, for economic reason. But villagers have raised more than £500 to pay for the box.

Dartmoor rescue

Helicopters yesterday rescued 18 young people who spent a freezing night on Dartmoor practising for the Ten Tors expedition.

Bar looks at attack on advocacy rights

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A special committee of the Bar under its chairman, Mr Michael Wright QC, meets today to consider a response by barristers to the Law Society's newly-launched offensive for equal rights to plead in higher courts.

Last week the solicitors' professional body announced that in view of the Government's intention to end the conveyancing monopoly, it was seeking the removal of similar restrictive rules giving barristers sole rights of audience in Crown Courts and above.

The campaign could lead to the first serious clash between the two branches of the profession since the issue was last vented before the Royal Commission on Legal Services in 1979.

Solicitors have long wanted rights of advocacy in the higher courts, particularly Crown Courts, and spurred by the decision on conveyancing and the Government's stated desire to tackle professional monoplies generally, they feel that the time is ripe for another attack.

The effects on the Bar of extending rights of advocacy would be unquestionably severe. With two thirds of the 4,800 practising barristers in England and Wales doing criminal work, and Crown Court work accounting for half that work the loss of the Crown Court monopoly could severly damage the lower end of the criminal Bar.

Up to 2,000 barristers could be forced out of the Bar, some possibly to become solicitors, and there would be a serious threat to the viability of many specialist criminal chambers and circuit chambers. Numbers entering the Bar would also be reduced.

The Bar also argues that the public will be disadvantaged. Instead of a solicitor briefing counsel of his choice, the client would be faced with the litigation solicitor in that firm, or be obliged to change solicitors.

Solicitors, however, say that the public must have unfettered choice of advocate as between solicitor and barrister.

Barrister urges blacklist of defaulting solicitors

The Bar is being urged o take stronger action against solicitors who fail to pay barristers' fees by adopting a blacklist of defaulting firms.

The measure, which would mean chambers refusing work rom solicitors' forms on the list, was rejected in December 1982 when the issue of payment of fees last came to a head.

Instead, barristers adopted a compromise scheme proposed by the Bar's leaders under which defaulting solicitors are reported first to the chairman of the Bar, who pursues the claim for fees and if unsuccesful, then reports the solicitor to the Law Society.

But Mr Robin de Wilde, proposer of the blacklist measure, says the scheme has been a failure

In an article in the Law Society Gazette, he says he intends to revive his proposal at a meeting of the Bar this summer. "The fat cats of the Bar may not care for the proposal", he writes. But hw said "that the disgraceful situation" of delayed fee payment would continue until they appreciated how the junior members of the Bar were consistently exploited by the small number of solicitors".

Gravy train: Hayley Griffiths, aged seven, (right) and Jimmy Endicott, aged six, from Doncaster, South Yorkshire, after winning the first Bisto Kids of the Year title and a prize of £1,000 at the Fortune Theatre, London, yesterday. Seven pairs of children reached the final of the fancy dress competition that brought to life the cartoon characters who first appeared in 1919 (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Too many kidney patients die

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

The number of patients with kidney failure treated by dialysis in hospital could be more than doubled from 1,417 a year without extra investment in beds or machines, according to a survey in The Lancet.

Patients could be treated for up to six hours three times a week, instead of 14 hours twice a week, with staff working in shifts for 24 hours daily six days a week.

But such a programme would require many extra nurses, technicians and assistants.

The Lancet says Britain has the lowest acceptance rate for treatment for kidney failure of any leading European country, despite doing more kidney transplants.

The Lancet says: "It is now clear that more people are allowed to to die of chronic renal failure in the UK than in any comparable European country. The reason is of course money".

£395m for ice creams

By Robin Young

The British ate more ice cream than the Italians last year, licking through £395m worth, the equivalent of 85 ice creams each, a Lyons Maid report published today says.

The average consumption in Britain was 5.7 litres per head, compared with four litres in Italy, the product's traditional home.

Britain's consumption, assisted by a rare fine summer, was none the less left in the shade by other nations, the report says. The Americans eat almost four times as much ice cream as Britons do, and the Australians three times as much.

The British weather being a notoriously fickle friend, the industry looks to a big influx of American tourists to help to maintain its sales this year.

Study dispels jobs myth

By Patricia Clough

The assumption by many employers that there is no point in promoting women to executive jobs because "they only start having babies and leave" is dealt a severe blow by a survey published today.

The study, by the Institute of Personnel Management, finds that only 16 per cent of executive women in personnel careers take breaks for marriage or child-bearing.

The survey, which was co-sponsored by the Manpower Services Commission and reported in the April edition of Personnel Management the institute journal, also contradicts the assumption that women have little credibility when dealing with shopfloor workers or negotiating with manual unions.

Stricter censorship of video 'nasties'

By Patricia Clough

Video cassettes will be controlled more severely than cinema films when the Bill banning video "nasties" becomes law next year, according to the Bill's sponsor, Mr Graham Bright, Conservative MP for Luton South.

The British Board of Film Censors, which will have the task of classifying video cassettes according to age groups and banning the most horrific, has been advised by the Director of Public Prosecutions to apply stricter standards to adults-only cassettes because they could be seen by children.

The advice, in the shape of informal guidelines, is aimed at harmonizing the attitude of censors and prosecutors towards cassettes, because even when they have been classified they will still, like films, be subject to possible prosecution under the Obscene Publications Act.

The DPP's office, Mr Bright told The Times, believes that a film seen on video in the home is more likely to "deprave and corrupt" than the same work shown in a cinema, where children can be kept out and where violent or sexually explicit scenes are seen in the context of the whole film.

At home adult-rated films could be accessible to children and potentially harmful parts could be repeated, "frozen" or played in slow motion.

The DPP's office and the censors decline to disclose further details of the guidelines for judging videos, to the irritation of the British Video-gram Association, which represents video makers. "It is like telling people not to drive too fast but refusing to say how fast is too fast", Mr Norman Abbott, chief executive, said.

Mr Bright said that the Bill, which goes to the Lords today, is having an effect already. "The trade is backing off like mad, the supply is already drying up", he said. The Bill is expected to be approved this summer

Mr Bright defended his refusal to press for a ban soft-pornography cassettes along with "nasties", despite pressure from Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Mrs Mary Whitehouse, of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, and some of the churches.

Vocational training: 1

New curriculum sponsored by the Government

Technical and vocational training is being given in schools to 14-year-olds in a controversial programme funded by the Manpower Services Commission. Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent, went to north Wales to investigate.

The biggest curriculum change for decades is being orchestrated by the Government in England and Wales. It will shortly be extended to Scotland.

Designed to prepare children better for the world of work, it is happening quickly and almost by stealth, because of the lack of public awareness, in a scheme inelegantly titled Technical and Vocational Educational Initiative.

Children on the programme [illegible] technology [illegible]

When the Manpower Services Commission announced in late 1982 that it was putting up £7m for the 14 education authorities which put in the best bids, there were protests in the educational world.

It would turn back the clock to the days of selection, critics claimed. It would divide children and bring back technical training for the working classes. Anyway, they asked, what was the commission doing invading and centralizing the education system?

Whatever the merits of their arguments, many authorities did not boycott the scheme, as some of their leaders had requested.

In Clwyd, north Wales, the headteachers decided to have nothing to do with it, but several schools broke ranks, and pioneered the initiative in Clwyd.

It has been running since September and has channelled about £58,000 into each of the five schools taking part.

Now all the head-teachers in the authority, seeing the way the wind has blown, and the cash and teachers which have come with it, are clamouring for a slice of the action. Clwyd is opening a central support unit and hopes countinually to extend the scheme to all schools.

This autumn, the Manpower Services Commission is extending what is still called a "pilot" project to 46 more education authorities, at a cost of £4m in the next school year and £20m a year in each of the four years thereafter.

Teachers and children to whom I spoke were enthusiatic.

The teachers have found that the new courses motivate children because of their novelty and relevance, and that the injection of money is good for their departments, bringing in for example, microwave ovens, chemistry equipment of microcomputers which benefit all the school.

Mr Adrian Farlam, scheme coordinator in Clywd, said: "If you offer children something they want and sell it to them as something they need you are on to a winner.

"The children believe that what they are being offered is what they want. They are switched on. The children are driving the curriculum now. Once it stops being fun it will stop working."

Mr Farlam rejects the suggestion that the scheme is a type of mechanical technical training and that the commission is having an undesirable centralizing effect on the education system. He says that the courses are designed to teach pupils to think and that it is a good thing that the commission is making demands on local education authorities, which in turn are making demands on schools.

But there are worries about how it is working. One of the most obvious is sex stereotyping, which privately many admit is rampant. Schools have found girls opting for courses which lead to traditional female jobs, home economics and looking after others, and boys choosing the technical and heavy craft courses.

There is also the danger that the education of those who choose to study the technical and vocational courses will suffer because of the unbalancing effect of cramming so much craft, design and technology into the timetable.

A further drawback, some say, is the large amount of money suddenly being injected into the education of a relatively few pupils, those on TVEI courses. The education of the rest, and arts and humanities departments are thereby relatively disadvantaged.

Schools in Clwyd reject some, though not all, of these criticisms.

Tomorrow: What the schools are doing.

Independent schools' shops offer

By Our Education Correspondent

Members of the Independent Schools Information Service Association are being offered discounts at high street stores.

The offer, open to anyone who pays the £8 annual subscription, is an attempt to increase the association's membership from 27,000 to 100,000.

A minimum of £30 of discount vouchers must be bought at a time.

They will give a 5 per cent discount on goods at W H Smith and Boots, and 10 per cent on musical instruments at Boosey and Hawkes. A 25 per cent discount is available on Western Provident Association's private health scheme and 15 per cent on Godfrey Davis Europcar.

Other discounts are available at International Stores, Victoria Wine, Austin Reed, for concerts by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Halle Orchestra, and Royal Academy exhibitions.

The person behind the scheme is the association's director, Mr Michael Reeves, former head of the P & O educational cruise ship SS Uganda.

Mr Reeves said that the association, which was set up to lobby for private education, had made headway politically, but inflation, rising school fees and other costs were affecting parental choice. The scheme was an attempt to offset those expenses.

Mr George: Breaking down hostility.

Politicians meet social scientists

By Richard Evans

Britain's leading social scientists will start today to press politicians for a bigger say in national policy making.

Often criticized for being unwordly and out of touch with practical matters, the social scientists, including sociologists, psycologists, demographers, political scientists and economists, feel that legislators ignore them and fail to take advantage of their combined talents and research.

In an attempt to bridge the gulf an all-party group, called Social Science and Policy, will meet in the Commons for the first time tonight.

Mr Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, one of the group's sponsors, said: "There is a lot of hostility among parliamentarians who are dismissive of academics and many academics are contemptuous of politicians. I hope this will in a small way help to bridge the unbridgeable.

"I think the social scientists are anxious that politicians pay more attention to some of the work emanating from the universities. In the United States, for example, there is a positive encouragement for academics to move into government and vice versa".

The meetings in the Commons between MPs, peers and the academics will concentrate on national issues.

Professor Frank Beeley, professor of politics at Aberdeen University, who has been involved in establishing the group, said: "In the present climate of opinion our social scientists are anxious to defend themselves against imputations of impracticality and lack of realism. They maintain that national institutions owe far more to social scientists than is usually recognized.

"Conscious of how much less they are involved in policymaking than their American counterparts, many British social scientists want to demostrate their usefulness.

George Shultz, US Secretary of State, talks to *The Times*

Early Reagan-Chernenko meeting ruled out by Russian reluctance

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Describing relations with the Soviet Union as chilly, Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, has ruled out the possibility of an early summit between President Reagan and the Soviet leader, Mr Konstantin Chernenko.

Although the US was ready to attend such a meeting, so long as it was well-prepared and had a good chance of achieving results, he could detect no such willingness on the Soviet side.

In a wide-ranging interview with The Times, *Mr Shultz also emphasized America's determination to "stay engaged" in the Middle East despite recent setbacks for US policy in the region. The Secretary of State expressed disappointment that America's European allies had not been prepared to support the invasion of Grenada last year.*

However, he felt the Atlantic Alliance had successfully withstood the stresses and strains caused by Grenada and other contentious issues during the past year.

The interview with The Times *was held in Mr Shultz's office on the seventh floor of the State Department.*

Mr Shultz spoke softly and with deliberation throughout the 40-minute discussion and appeared to show signs of strain caused by recent setbacks for the US in Lebanon and the Middle East and his current dispute with Congress over the 1973 War Powers Act.

Summit hopes

Good idea, but little response

On the subject of a US-Soviet summit, Mr Shultz said President Reagan believed a meeting would be a good idea, and he was ready for it if it could be prepared well and had some chance of producing something significant. "Whether that can come to pass is a very open question."

Asked whether preparations for a summit were in hand, Mr Shultz replied simply: "No." Although the US wanted to discuss a wide range of issues with Moscow, "We don't see a response from them".

The Secretary said: Soviet responses to recent US initiatives aimed at improving relations between the superpowers were pretty chilly. The initiatives he was referring to included President Reagan's speech last January calling on the Soviet Union to join the US in negotiating nuclear arms reductions and two letters which the President has sent to Moscow since death of President Andropov two months ago.

Referring to the two stalled rounds of US-Soviet talks in Geneva on reducing medium-range (INF) and strategic (Start) nuclear arsenals, he said: "In both (sets of negotiations), we have taken very reasonable positions – in one case, with full consultation with our allies. We are there in a posture of give-and-take, and they have declined to stay there – they have left. So that is pretty cold."

The Soviet Union walked out of the INF talks last November after the deployment of US Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Western Europe. The Start talks were suspended shortly afterwards and no date has been fixed for their resumption.

The Secretary made it clear he did not expect to see a significant change in attitude towards the US resulting from the recent change in Soviet leadership. He noted that a group of American academics and specialists who had recently visited Moscow had found a "very cold" atmosphere there.



Mr Mondale (left) and Senator Hart: Under fire.

Middle East

Withdrawal defended

On the Middle East, Mr Shultz said he did not accept the widely-held view that the withdrawal of American forces from Beirut had damaged US credibility and its relations with moderate Arab governments.

Mr Shultz, who was the chief architect of US policy in Lebanon and a strong opponent of the decision to withdraw, said the troops had fulfilled the mission they were originally sent there to achieve. By the time they were withdrawn, the internal situation in Lebanon had changed, he explained. The US was "confronted with a decision either to go in for a much more extensive military presence ... or to shift the deployment of our forces".

He noted that the British had strongly favoured redeployment. The interview took place shortly before the US announced late on Friday that it was withdrawing its naval task force situated off the coast of Lebanon.

Asked if America planned to take any new initiatives in the eastern Mediterranean this year, he replied: "Well, we will stay engaged, and we'll have to see what emerged in the situation. But, of course, right now there is an election process under way in Israel.

"King Husain has made a declaration (in a recent interview with *The New York Times*) that seems to put him on the sidelines for the moment. And, in Lebanon, there is an effort being made by the various groups there to try to put something together, and we will help with that if we can".

Despite recent setbacks, he believed most people in the Middle East want the US to continue to play a role in the region. "In the Middle East, people are coming to us saying: "Don't disengage, don't go away, don't get mad and throw up your hands and leave. That's the last thing in the world we want. Please stay here and exert your influence".

The secretary descibed as damaging moves within Cngress to pass legislation to move the US embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. The proposal has been strongly resisted by the Administration on the grounds that it would harm relations with Arab countries.

Mr Shultz said it was a great shame that Mr Walter Mondale and Senator Gary Hart, the front-runners in the race for the Democratic nomination, were "competing with each other to see how extreme their stements can be about Jerusalem".

The Secretary said the President had been pepared to fight for the sale of Stinger missiles to Jordan, which has also met strong congressonal opposition. "We felt that we had a very good chance of winning the issue, but King Husain's statement (to *The New York Times*) really pulled the rug from under that ... It was much better to withdraw the proposal than to have a negative vote".

Referring to the Gulf, Mr Shultz stressed the need for regular consultations between the Western nations to discuss contingency plans if the Iran-Iraq conflict should lead to an interruption of oil supplies.

He praised Japan for its diplomatic efforts aimed at preventing a broadening of the conflict. He was critical of Britain's decision to supply military spare parts to Iran which he said was unhelpful.

Latin America

Havana gets blame

Turning to Central America, Mr Shultz laid the blame for continuing tension and subversion in the area with Cuba and the Soviet Union.

He conceded that economic under-development and political suppression were also responsible for the unrest, but said current US policy was intended to ease these problems.

Although the Reagan Administration has been widely criticized at home and overseas for the increase in military assistance it is giving to El Salvador and other countries in the region, the value of economic assistance it provides is three times greater than its military aid programme. Mr Shultz added that the US would continue its diplomatic and economic attempts to prevent Cuba from spreading subversion throughout the region. "But there is no plan for any military action against Cuba."

He expressed his dismay that Britain and other European countries had failed to back last October's invasion of Grenada by American troops and the overthrow of the pro-Cuban regime there. "We did what we felt we must do, and clearly we were disappointed that, not only in Great Britain, but in Europe generally, they didn't seem to give us any support for what we thought was a very clearly justified action and one that will clearly advance values that we and Europe share – values of democracy and the rule of law".

He admitted there had been a lack of consultation with the allies but rapid action was required. "There wasn't time for consultation. I'm sure that Mrs Thatcher could keep a secret, no doubt about it. But I am not so sure that if we broadened the pattern of consultation here, we would be able to keep the secret, so we would suffer from the access the press has to whatever is going on."

Mr Shultz said the US hoped that Britain and Argentina would sort out their differences over the Falkland Islands, but said the US had not been asked to mediate between the two. "This is essentially something that the British and the Argentines have to work out." He indicated that the damage caused to America's relations with Latin America by its support for Britain during the Falklands War had been largely repaired.



Softly, softly: Mr Shultz appeared to show signs of strain.

Europe

No lack of confidence

On the subject of America's relations with Europe, Mr Shultz, said he did not accept the view that there had been a decline in European confidence in United States leadership or that the United States was starting to look towards the Pacific at the expense of its Atlantic allies.

"I don't fail to recognize that there are stresses and strains. There always are when there is a relationship that is complex and has great scale to it. . . If the United States took the attitude that South America, Canada and Asia did not exist, that only Europe existed. I would think that would cause a great lack of confidence in Europe in the leadership of the United States," he concluded.

Savimbi threat to Angolan cities

Jamba, Angola (NYT) – Mr Jonas Savimbi, leader of an insurgent movement that claims to control or operate in two-thirds of Angola, said he wants to talk peace and form a government of national unity with the country's Marxist leadership.

But at an unusual news conference in this isolated bush encampment, which he calls a provisional capital, Mr Savimbi said that if his offer were rejected he would carry his guerrilla war into Angola's cities.

He also threatened that if his pro-Western organization, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita), was not accommodated in negotiations over neighbouring South-West Africa (Namibia) peace and stability in the region would not be secured.

Mr Savimbi, a bearded figure in camouflage uniform with a pistol at his hip and an ivory-handled swagger stick in his hand, has been battling the Angolan Government in a wide ning conflict for more than eight years.

The impression created by his comments was that he was eager to win an acknowledged role in the American-sponsored peace initiative so his group would not be traded off for other concessions in the complex negotiations.

The peace initiative, he said, will not necessarily lead to peace and stability as long as Unita is not part and parcel of the process.

It was Mr Savimbi's first public statement since the South-West Africa initiative got under way in December.

He said 16 British technicians, taken hostage at a diamond town six weeks ago and marched here through the bush, would not be released until Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, offered his organization some kind of recognition.

But 44 Portuguese and 17 Filipinos captured at the same time will be released, he said, as soon as the International Committee of the Red Cross arranges to take them out of Angola. Mr Savimbi is believed to be holding about 140 foreign prisoners.

South Africa and Swaziland signed a secret peace agreement more than two years ago. Like the recent non-aggression pact betweem South Africa and Mozambique, it binds each country not to allow its territory to be used by guerrillas against the other.

The South African Foreign Minister Mr R. F. Botha and his Swazi counterpart, Mr Richard Dlamini, disclosed the agreement, contained in letters between the heads of government in February 1982, after talks here on Saturday.

He said oil companies operating in Angola, including the American Gulf and Texaco organizations, would be viewed as targets for attack if they did not stop what he called lobbying against his organization in foreign capitals.

At a briefing on Friday, Mr Savimbi's intelligence spokesmen said they had launched 373 attacks on Government forces since the beginning of December, 1983, and had been attacked only 103 times themselves.

They claimed bringing down Soviet-supplied helicopters, destroying five tanks and inflicting losses on both Government and Cuban forces.

Prisoners from several towns said Government forces had put up little resistance when the insurgents attacked settlements.

The biggest attack claimed by Mr Savimbi took place last week when his forces were said to have overrun the provincial capital of Novo Redondo, also known as Sumbe, 700 miles north-west of here, and held it for a day.



Mr Savimbi: Peace offer to Angola's leaders.

Poll sees China as future world leader

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The five great powers of the twenty-first century will be China, Japan, the Soviet Union, United States and West Germany, accoridng to 10,000 peope in 10 Western nations interviewed for a poll published today. Britain and France are *not considered likely, even by their own citizens, to have a* very bright future.

The poll was carried out by Gallup International for the Paris-based International Institute of Geopolitics. The 10 countries participating were: *Britain*, France, West Germany, Italy, the US, Canada, Australia, Japan, South Korea, and Colombia.

Asked whether they looked forward to the twenty-first century with fear, hope or indifference, only respondents in the US, Korea and, to a lesser extent, Australia, looked forward to the future with confidence. *In Britain*, opinion was evenly divided between the three options.

France and, surprisingly, Japan showed the greatest apprehension, with the majority saying they were fearful of the future. Only 6 per cent of respondents in Japan said they approached the next century with hope, yet the Japanese placed themselves second only to China in their estimation of which would be the great nations.

Part of the explanation for that apparent paradox can be found in the Japanese view of whether they as individuals, felt their fate was tied to their country's. Less than a quarter of the Japanese answered affirmatively to that question, compared with the great majority of the French, Italians, Australians, Colombians and Koreans.

In Britain, opinion was divided, 48 per cent saying that they felt their individual fate was directly related to the country's standing in the world, 38 per cent feeling that it was not, and the remainder expressing no opinion.

Less than half the respondents thought Britain's importance in the world would *increase over the next 30 years*, while 37 per cent thought it would dimiinish.

While people in all countries showed a marked reluctance to make personal scarifices for the sake of their country's future, Japan again distinguished itself by showing the fiercest opposition.

Asked about the various strengths and weaknesses of their countries, a majority in Britian, France, West Germany, Italy, Australia, the US, and Canada said they viewed the unions as a weakness, while a majority in the same countries, saw their heads of industry as a strength. The notable exception was Britain, where they were viewed as great a liability as the unions.

The four West European powers and the United States agreed that *immigrant* workers were a source of waekness to their countries.

Bodies found in window box

Hongkong (Reuter) – Blood trickling from a twenty-sixth floor balcony led to the discovery of two bodies cemented together, their hands chained behind their backs, in a concrete flower box in a block of flats here.

Firemen and engineers with electric drills and saws spent more than four hours breaking into the concrete tomb. Police wish to question an Indonesian who rented the flat earlier this year.

Bani-Sadr quits exile coalition

By Hazhir Teimourian

Mr Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, the former President of Iran, has left the National Council of Resistance, a Paris-based coalition of the Iranian opposition.

The council's formation was first announced in July, 1981, after the dramatic flight from Iran of Mr Bani-Sadr and Mr Massud Rajavi, leader of the Islamic Mujahedin gerrillas, who have been the effective leaders of the council; Mr Rajavi has also become Mr Bani-Sadr's son-in-law.

Other parties and personalities, including the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the National Democratic Front, joined the council later.

In a communiqué released in Paris on Saturday, the Mujaheedin organization announced that cooperation with Mr Bani-Sadr wa no longer possible within the councills framework, but the two sides remained friends. No other details were given.

Mr Bani-Sadr preferred not to speak to the press on the issue yesterday, but friends mentioned the Mujahedin's contact with the Iraqi Government as the main reason for his unhappiness with his position as council president.

Last year, he formally dissociated himself from a meeting which Mr Rajavi, the council's chairman, had held with Mr Tariq Aziz, then Iraq's Foreign Minister. Four days ago, he sent a telegram to the United Nations Secretary-General to condemn Iraq's alleged use of chemical weapons in the Gulf war.

The split is a heavy blow to the Mujahedin's chances of consolidating their position as the largest Iranian opposition group.

Chemical bound for Iraq held at Kennedy Airport

New York (Reuter) – United States customs officials are holding 1,100 pounds of a chemical bound for Iraq which could be used for manufacturing nerve or mustard gas.

A round-the-clock armed guard was put over the 74 drums of potassium fluoride, which was detained at New York's Kennedy airport on Saturday.

This followed a decision by the Reagan administration on Friday in efffect to ban the sale of five chemicals to Iraq, which, it said, had used nerve gas as well as other chemicals in its war with Iran. Iraq has denied the claims.

A customs spokesman said the chemical was addressed to the Ministry of Pesticides in Baghdad and arrived at the Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) export terminal on March 2. He said: "We're holding it until the exporting firm get a licence. It could be used for manufacturing mustard or nerve gas.

The consignment, he said had been held up since March 2 because of an unspecified irregularity and some question as to whether it could be exported.

The chemical was technically "detained", not seized, under the controls announced on Friday. The exporting company has not been named.

A US State Department spokesman said that "to the best of our knowledge" the United States had not been the source of chemicals used in the Gulf War.

Applications for licences to export the chemicals would be considered case by case, he said.

The spokesman, said: "Applications will be generally denied where there is reason to believe that these chemicals will be used in producing chemical weapons or will otherwise be devoted to chemical warfare."

The use of chemical weapons is outlawed by international treaty.

The State Department spokesman said Iraq used nerve gas in the war but gave no details. No such accusations have been made against Iran, which was included in the new controls.

He said Washington discussed with West German authorities reports that facilities able to produce nerve gas might have been sent to Iraq by a German firm.

Animal plague

Dar es Salaam, (Reuter) – Nearly 1,000 animals, including elephant, buffalo and rhinoceros, have died of anthrax in northern Tanzania's Lake Manyara National Park over the past 10 days. Poachers may have poisoned them for their tusks and horns.

Vietnam orders a nuclear reactor

From David Watts, Singapore

Vietnam has commissioned its first nuclear research reactor. An announcement from Hanoi was careful to describe its employment as peaceful but some believe it could be the first step towards the acquisition of a military nuclear capability.

The reactor, which has a capacity of 500 kilowatts, is at Da Lat in the Central Highlands province of Lam Dong, a relatively thinly populated area of the country away from main centres of population.

According to an announcement from the Vietnamese news agency, the new station will be used for training reactor personnel for the country's future power generation programme, analysing mineral and biological samples and producing isotapes required for medical and agricultural research institutions.

Hanoi has given no indication of what assistance it had in the building of the station or the training of personnel but it must be assumed that both come from the Soviet Union.

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Farm price deal hammered out in 'a very expensive night for Europe'

From Ian Murray
Brussels

The most expensive farm price settlement in the EEC's history comes into force this morning. It was agreed by ministers who had, in fact, been under orders from the start of the year to slash the extravagances of the common agricultural policy (CAP).

One senior Commission official described Friday night as "a very expensive night for Europe."

The deal means an average *price increase of 3.2 per cent in* real money terms throughout the Community, and will, according to a very conservative Commission estimate, cost the community at least £544m more this year than it has available.

The cost is that high despite a feeze in the price of milk and a one per cent reduction in the price of almost everything else except Durum wheat, rice and cotton. The underlying cause is soaring, unwanted production.

The settlement was reached on Saturday morning after an all-night session and means that regulations can be in place from today, the start of the farming year.

This is a very rare event and ministers reached agreement aware that delay would not only not save any money but would make the expensive price – cut package even more difficult to sell to an already angry farming lobby.

Credit for pushing the deal through is in large measure due to M. Michel Rocard, the French minister presiding. It means he can now pass back to President Mitterrand the responsibility for finding a way to end the community's troubles. That task could be complicated further by the high cost of the farm deal.

It is a measure of the malaise of the CAP that despite the huge cost there cannot be a single one of the EEC's eight million farmers who is anything but dismayed by the outome of the negotiations – except, perhaps, the Irish dairy farmers, who successfully held agreement to ransom in order to obtain the right to continue increasing their production.

British, West German and *Dutch farmers, who live in the* Community's strong currency areas, have come out worst of all becasue their average prices go down by 0.5 per cent.

Apart from Greece – always a special statistical case – the Italians with a 6 per cent increase and the French with 5 *per cent do best, But in every* country the new prices are at least two points below the rate of inflation, – so the farmers really are being expected to tighten their belts

Sir Richard Butler, president of the National Farmers' Union, complained that the deal had been made "without any regard to the well being of agriculture or its contribution to the economy."

The sole purpose, he said, was to cut costs and the basic objective of the CAP – to achieve a fair standard of living for the farming community – had been disregarded.

The settlement means that the only outstanding issue in the Community is the budget problem. In consequence it will put further pressure on foreign ministers to make real progress towards satisfying British grievances when they meet in Luxembourg next week.

The cost means that, unless there is a quick end to the budget problem, money to pay the farmers everything they are owed will not be available.

Mr Michael Jopling, the British minister, insisted writing into the minutes on Saturday that the British Government expected the Commission to do whatever was *necessary to contain the* cost within the £10,000m set aside for the CAP in this year's over-stretched Community budget.

That is a very clear marker *from* Britain that it will not contribute anything extra when the Commission puts forward *proposals to raise* the money it needs to pay for the settlement.

The chief individual extra cost has been the deal which allows Irish farmers to produce more milk while everyone has to cut back. Milk is more important to the Irish economy than steel is to the West German economy, and it was an appreciation of this which ultimately wrung the expensive concessions from other countries.

The Irish Republic is to be allowed to produce an extra 245,000 tonnes this year over and above its 1983 figure, with the promise of a real review for future years. Northern Ireland has been allowed to share in this generosity with an extra 65,000 *tonnes quota this year.*

On the other hand farmers in all other countries, except Italy, are being hit by a swingeing supper levy to peg their production back to just one per cent more than in 1981, when the yield was significantly lower than it is today.

The inevitable result is that millions of cows will become "redundant" and thousands of small dairy farmers could be forced out of business despite a special £70m EEC fund to help them.

For all that it is bound to *cause hardship, the dairy deal is* monstrously expensive since it commits the EEC to producing over 10 million tonnes more milk than it can consume or easily dispose of every year.

WINNERS AND LOSERS

	Price rise in nat. curyencies	Inflation Rate
Britain	– 0.6%	5.5%
W Germany	– 0.6%	3.3%
Holland	– 0.5%	3.1%
Denmark	+ 1.5%	5.3%
Belgium	+ 2.7%	6.5%
Ireland	+ 2.7%	9.0%
Luxembourg	+ 2.8%	7.7%
France	+ 5.0%	7.2%
Italy	+ 6.4%	10.6%
Greece	+17.6%	20.0%
EEC average	+ 3.2%	5.2%



Murder charges: Paul Castellano, aged 68, alleged head of a New York crime family, is escorted by an FBI agent after being indicted in New York with 20 other people of crimes including 25 murders.

New financial storm looms for Marcinkus

From John Earle Rome

Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, controversial American chairman of the Vatican Bank, the Instituto Per Le Opere di Religione (IOR), is at the centre *of a new financial strom,* this time involving the bank's links with an elderly Catholic financier Signor Carlo Pesenti.

The Archbishop and two senior lay managers of the IOR are reported by legal sources in Milan to have been sent formal *notification* by a *magistrate* there that they are under investigation into the circumstances of a 50bn lire loan (then worth $85m) made by the IOR in 1972 to Signor Pesenti's holding company Italmoliare.

The magistrate is inquiring into the possibilities of misappropriation.

Church lays down law to Warsaw

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

A strong, challenging message *read from every one of* Poland's pulpits yesterday marked the latest blow in the country's "war of the crosses".

Churches packed with young people heard their priests read an episcopal letter, declaring: "We want the crosses in places where the young generation is being educated – the children of a nation which is Christian in its overwhelming majority."

The conflict between the *Catholic Church and the* Communist authorities over the placing of crucifixes in schools, factories and hospitals has reached a national, rather than purely local, plane.

The authorities say that crucifixes in state institutions flout the fundamental separation of Church and Stae and that some priests are trying to extend clerical influence where it does not belong. The church maintains that the cross is an important national, as well as religious, symbol and should not be banished to the churches.

"So we have to see to it that the cross, as the most important token of our faith and Christian morality, be in our homes and be venerated in our hearts. Let us repeat the words of Cardinal Wojtyla, the present Pope John Paul II: 'In our Polich life we *have, by all means available,* to put the cross back in its proper place.' "

That, concludes the letter, is *how Poles have always felt* and feel now, including "Catholic parents who wish to bring up their children in the Christian spirit to which they have the right guaranteed by Polish law and by all the international agreements ratified by Poland.

For the church, the war of the crosses has a two-fold significance. First, it unifies the primate, the country's bishops, priests and parishioners at a time when not all Catholics are convinced that the church's policy of measured conciliation with the Governmen is being correctly pursue.

Every Catholic agrees that the crucifixes should not be ripped down from schools. Secondly, it stakes the church claim to be co-responsible for the upbringing of children in communist Poland.

● **Price surprise:** Poles were hit yesterday with a price increase which raised the cost of petrol by 25 per cent overnight (AP reports). Taxi fares were also affected.

Greeks tell Weinberger of Aegean threat

Athens – Mr Andreas Papandreou, *the Greek Prime* Minister, made it clear to Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, who was here for talks at the weekend, that security cooperation can become normal again only if the Americans take seriously Greek misgivings about Turkish military strength in the Aegean (Mario Modiano writes).

Mr Papandreou, after seven hours of discussions, said: "Our *relations with Washington in*evitably pass through Ankara."

The US Defence Secretary, who flew yesterday to Izmir in Turkey for a meeting of the Nato nuclear planning group, seemed impressed by the force of Greek feelings about the alleged threat from the Turks.

Murder claim

Nardo, Italy (AP) – A telephone caller to a newspaper, claiming to speak for the Red Brigades, said the group was responsible for the murder yesterday of Signora Renata Fonte, aged 34, education commissioner of this southern town. She was shot dead outside her home.

Soviet palace

Moscow (Reuter) – The Soviet Union plans to complete construction of the Tsaritsyn palace in the suburbs of Moscow, started by Catherine the Great 200 years ago and abandoned because she did not like it, *Moskovskaya Pravda* said. It is to be turned into a museum.

'Sadist' squad

Moscow (Reuter) – Britain has developed brainwashing of its military forces to a fine art with political lectures and selected films, and its Army is made up of right-wing 'obedient *sadists and murderers', the Soviet Military Review* said.

Author dies



Luigi Barzini, the Italian writer widely known as a leading interpreter of his country for foreign readers, who died in Rome on Saturday, at the age of 75. He wrote in English as well as Italian and won special attention for his 1964 book *The Italians*, in which he made affectionate criticisms of his homeland.

Killer executed

Huntsville, Texas (Reuter) – Ronald O'Bryan, 39, who murdered his eight-year-old son with poisoned candy for $32,000 (£22,800) insurance money, was executed by lethal injection on Saturday despite three last-minute appeals.

Quality first

Peking (Reuter) – From 1970 to 1982 the rate of growth in China's population dropped from 2.88 per cent a year to 1.47 per cent, and *future efforts will* concentrate on raising cultural and educational levels, two population experts said in a paper presented at an international conference on China's census.

Owen team offer urgent tasks for economic summit

By Sarah Hogg

An agenda of six urgent tasks for the London economic summit of heads of government has been outlined by Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, Professor Zbigniew Brzezinski and Dr Saburo Okita.

Dr Owen, Professor Brzezinski a senior member of President Carter's Administration) and Dr Okita (a former Japanese Foreign Minister and president of the International University of Japan) will today *present a special report to the* Trilateral Commission in Washington, urging a series of strategic actions on the seven world leaders meeting in London in June.

The Trilateral Commission is a private foundation set up by Mr David Rockefeller in 1973, bringing together *influential* figures from North America, Europe and Japan – the areas from which the seven heads of government who make up the membership of the annual economic summits are also drawn.

Under the motto "democracy *must work*", *Dr Owen and his* co-authors propose a package deal of trade-offs between the main Western powers, to be negotiated in time for the London summit, followed by a "wider agenda" for subsequent meetings of the Nato partners, the subscribers to the International Development Association, leading up to a strategic Western summit meeting.

The tasks put forward in their package deal *for the London* summit include: urgent action by the United States to reduce its budget deficit; radical action by *Europe* to deal with its technological backwardness and high levels of structural unemployment: and acceptance by Japan of a world role commensurate with its economic power, involving the expasion of domestic demand for other people's goods, overseas invest*ment and a* bigger defence budget.

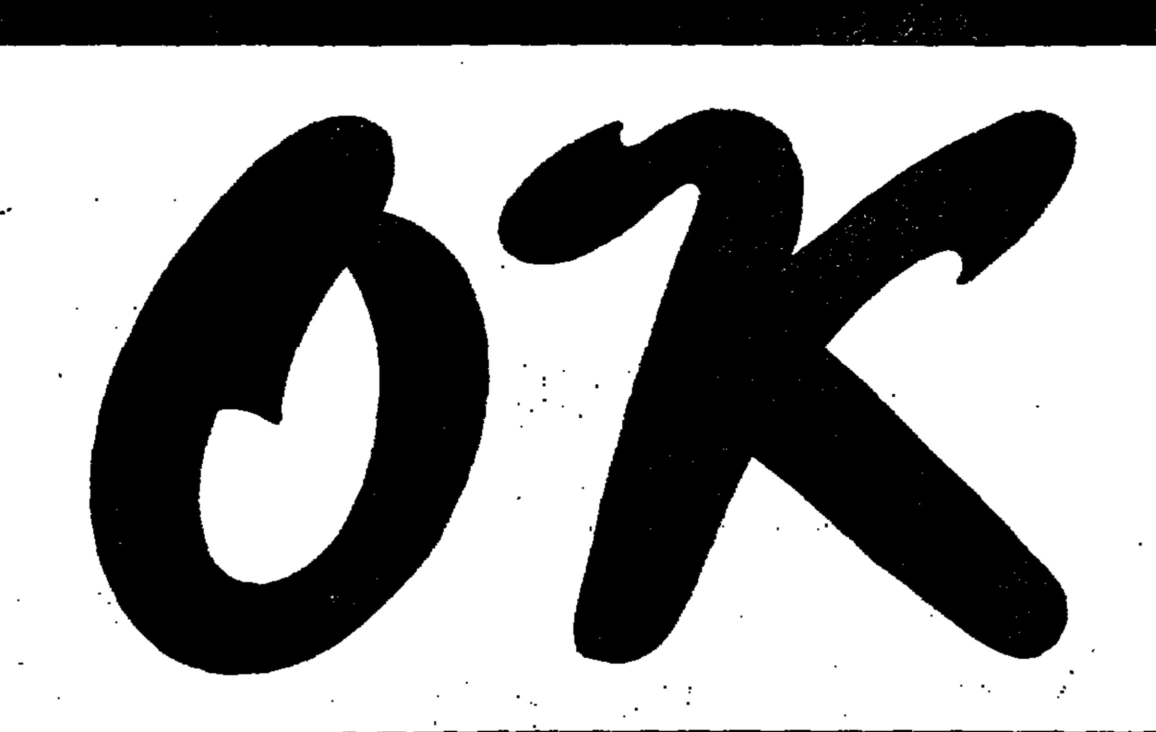
These three proposals, directed at the separate regional points of the "trilateral" triangle, are followed by three more general propositions.

These are for greater coordination of economic policies, in *particular* designed to *stabilize* exchange rates: fairer shares in the defence of the West (meaning more from Europe as well as Japan): and *methods* for coping with the debt crisis, in particular through a supply of resources to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Mr Brzezinski (left) and Dr Owen: Agenda co-authors.

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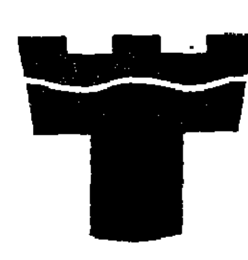
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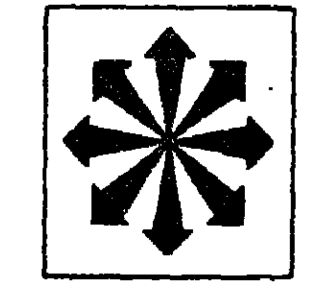
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Sikhs in Punjab call off protests in return for government concession

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The Government of Mrs Indira Gandhi and Sikh agitators in the Punjab took a step back away *from confrontational* chaos at the weekend.

The Government announced that it was prepared to amend Article 25 of the constitution – one of the principal sources of Sikh complaint – and, in return, the leader of the Akali Dal, the Sikh political party, called off the week-long agitation planned to begin today.

The way is now open for further substantive negotiations between Sikhs and the Government on the other items of the agitators' list of claims.

Sikhs have objected to Article 25 of the constitution ever since it was introduced in 1949 because, to their eyes, it appears to lump them together with Hindus, and to neglect their religious individuality.

It is difficult to explain to a Sikh that it does no such thing: that Article 25, in fact, protects the right of the Government to legislate on the organization of temples – another Sikh demand – and also defends the rights of Sikhs to carry the *Kirpan*, the knife or dagger prescribed by their religion.

Demonstrations against Article 25 have taken the form of public burning of copies of the constitution, an offence against *the Indian criminal code*. This week the agitators intended to fill Punjabi jails with 50,000 demonstrators who would court arrest by making mass bonfires of the constitution.

However, Mr P. C. Sethi, the Indian Home Minister, announced that the Government was prepared to consult the Sikh religious leadership and other representatives as well as legal experts, and to introduce amendments necessary to remove Sikh doubts about the Article.

Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, president of the Akali Dal, immediately announced that he was calling off the week-long demonstration. "It is a grand victory of the Akalis", he said.

Secret contact between the Akalis and the Government had paved the way for the agreement and it is reported by some sources that President Giani Zail Singh, a Sikh himself and a former Chief Minister of Punjab, has been in touch with the Akalis through undisclosed connexions.

It is clear that government concern over badly deteriorating law and order in Punjab led to the détente. Although additional units of the Central Reserve police force had been drafted into the state, and 12 additional temporary prisons designated, it was feared that extremists would take advantage of the confusion to cause further mayhem.

This was also reportedly a fear of Sant Longowal, who felt the extremists would engineer violence. He was said to have been relieved at the agreement which would save hundreds of lives.

Action to defuse the Punjab crisis has become more and more urgent, with violence and murder associated with the agitation reaching new heights recently.

In Punjab and in its Hindu-dominated neighbour, Haryana, tension between the two communities resulted in riots and killings. The two communities have grown steadily apart and the Punjab ecomony has been badly hit.

Grenade attack: At least three women were killed and 23 people injured yesterday when two men threw grenades into a Sikh religious centre 20 miles from Amritsar (Reuter).

Dressed to kill: A soldier patrolling near Jucuapa, El Salvador. The area commander has abandoned American-taught tactics in the fight against guerrillas.

Salvador gunmen kill right-wing journalist

San Salvador (Reuter) – Gunmen shot dead a conservative Salvadorean columnist and former member of the Government's Central Election Council, officials said.

The killing of Rafael Hasbun, aged 55, was carried out on Friday night, three days after a right-wing death squad threatened to kill election council officials for the disorganization which marked last week's presidential elections.

Officials said Señor Hasbun, columnist for the right-wing *Diario de Hoy*, was ambushed and shot seven times as he entered his office. Eyewitnesses said three gunmen were involved, and responsibility was later claimed by a telephone caller for the left-wing Revolutionary Workers Party.

The shooting rekindled fears of increased violence in advance of run-off presidential elections between the right-wing Nationalist Republican Alliance (Arena) and the Christian Democrats, scheduled for May 6.

Hard-eyed scrutiny of new leader

From Richard Owen, Moscow

In the first of two articles assessing Mr. Konstantin Chernenko's leadership at the Kremlin, Richard Owen, Moscow Correspondent, examines his impact on domestic affairs.

CHERNENKO IN CHARGE



Part 1

"It looks as if we'll soon be dealing with President Chernenko," a Western diplomat remarked recently. He was referring to the growing assumption that after the precedents set by Breznev and Andropov, the jobs of Party leader and Head of State go hand in hand.

The decision will be made on April 11 by the Supreme Soviet, and there are still reports that the presidency may go to another member of the collective leadership such as Mr Gromyko or Marshal Ustinov.

But the real test of Mr Chernenko's authority will come on the eve of the Supreme Soviet, when the 300-man central committee convenes in plenary session.

Some of the new members are products of the brief but remarkable Andropov era. Some of *them find it difficult to* adjust to a man who stood in Breznev's shadow for decades running his office, who only entered the Politburo in 1978 and has no experience of industry, agriculture of diplomacy.

There will be some hard-eyed assessments of the General Secretary as well as praise and applause.

In the two months or so since the Politburo made its cautious choice, confirming him as the Kremlin's senior leader, Mr Chernenko has done nothing to improve his standing.

He has brought his family to the forefront in a way Mr Andropov never did, and Tass has released photographs of Chernenko the proud grandfather, standing shirtsleeved with his grandson in arms and his wife and daughter on either side.

Anna Dmitrievna, his wife, appeared to vote during the Supreme Soviet elections and at the International Womens' Day Ball on March 8, when she demonstatively brought along Mrs Brezhnev.

The patriarchal image goes down well with Russians. But they were embarrassed to find that Mr Chernenko's poor performance during the Andropov funeral was not an aberration.

When he spoke on election eve in the Kremlin on March 2, his only major appearnce since being made leader, television viewers from Vyborg to Vladivostok saw him lose his place for a long 30 seconds before resuming in the wrong place, missing out a passage on Soviet-American relations.

For many it was reminiscent of Mr Brezhnev's performance when he visited Azerbaijan shortly before his death.

Although 72 and in poor health – he is often short of breath and occasionally needs a supporting hand under the elbow when walking – it is not Mr Chernenko's mortality which worries the Russians. It is the image he presents to the outside world.

A phrase often heard in Moscow is *On nie tot*, literally "He is not the one", although "He is not up to it" conveys the meaning.

The comparison is with Mr Andropov, who was feared and respected.

The Andropovites favour Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, 52, who is regarded as the Kremlin number two.

Mr Chernenko recently attacked excessive paperwork and parochialism and called for urgent economic solutions. But the forthcoming plenum should reveal what he means when he says – as he did in his acceptance speech and again on March 6 – that party officials should control economic managers but not do their job, a line which some see as aimed at the Andropov practice of putting technocrats into senior policy jobs.

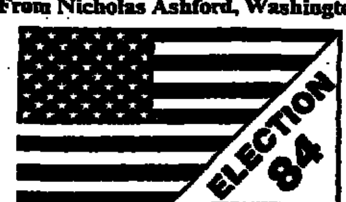
By contrast, Mr Gorbachov called in his Supreme Soviet *election speech for the appointment* of managers and officials "capable of thinking and acting in a modern way", and praised Mr Andropov's economic experiments in industry and agriculture, which involve a measure of management autonomy and wages incentives for teams of workers.

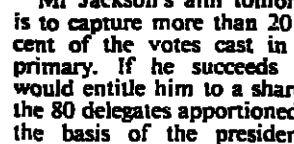
To some extent Mr Chernenko has inherited a structure which Mr Andropov managed to change even in his brief period at the top.

Tomorrow: East-West links

Harlem roars for Jackson

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington





The Rev Jesse Jackson took his presidential campaign to Harlem yesterday and the inhabitants of this black section of New York City took him to their hearts.

Traffic came to a halt as tens of thousands of well-wishers cheered and mobbed the black presidential candidate as he led a parade through the district's mean and broken streets.

The crowds were the largest of the New York primary campaign. At one stage the parade stretched across 10 city blocks, with groups of whites, Asians and Hispanics helping to turn the throng into a genuine "rainbow coalition".

"Hands that once picked cotton, on Tuesday will pick a president," Mr Jackson told the crowd at a *campaign stop in* East Harlem. "The waking of a sleeping giant has been a long time coming, but our time has come." The crowd roared its approval.

The parade took place in a part of New York that tourists (and even white Americans) do not usually see. It is an area where Fifth Avenue deteriorates into a morass of burnt-out houses and mean-looking municipal apartment blocks.

Much of Mr Jackson's message was directed at those who live at the depressed and deprived end of the rainbow. He emphasized the need to spend more on housing, health and education. "It's cheaper to feed the child than jail the man," he said.

The crowd loved it and chanted in response: "April third, April third, Jesse Jackson will be heard."

Voting in the New York primary, which will elect 285 delegates to the Democratic Party's national convention, takes place tomorrow.

Mr Jackson's aim tomorrow is to capture more than 20 per cent of the votes cast in the primary. If he succeeds this would entitle him to a share of the 80 delegates apportioned on the basis of the presidential preference tally and to any he wins *in* individual congressional districts.

He won 21 per cent of the vote in Illinois two weeks ago and hopes to better that in New York. On paper this should be possible as blacks accounted for *23 per cent of turnout in the* 1980 *primary* and there has been a big increase in black voter registration since.

But some prominent black leaders, among them Representative Charles Rangel, have endorsed Mr Walter Mondale, whose supporters claim he can expect to win up to 25 per cent of the black vote. So Mr Jackson has been trying to expand his appeal among Hispanics, Asians and poor whites.

Before he went to Harlem, Mr Jackson had visited a lesbian and gay community centre, and toured Greenwich Village, Chinatown and Little Italy.

However, the bulk of his support must come from New York blacks which is why he has pent most of his time campaigning in black areas

He has certainly managed to capture the imagination and the hearts of New York blacks. "I think he's a cutie pie," remarked a black woman standing on tip-toe trying to catch a glimpse of the candidate. "Yeah, he's a good-looking nigger," joked her husband.

But will they go and vote for him tomorrow?

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Village shows its anger at SS men's reunion

Oberaula, West Germany, (Reuter) – Former members of Hitler's SS "Deaths Head" tank division ended an annual reunion yesterday which drew strong anti-Nazi protests and bruised the reputation of this quiet resort, but caused no violence.



Herr Kurt Meyer, one of the SS veterans

Oberaula's 1,900 inhabitants were outnumbered by more than two to one by outsiders at the weekend as about 350 former members of the elite division went ahead with their reunion despite some 3,000 protesters marching through the village.

Police sent 350 men with riot gear and water cannon to Oberaula, 55 miles northeast of Frankfurt, after unionists, left-wing organizations and Jewish groups called for a demonstration against the SS meeting *and created concern over the* prospect of violent confrontations.

The SS veterans had met twice before in Oberaula without drawing attention. But their gathering as a senior citizens' holiday club was uncovered a month ago, provoking the first demonstration in Oberaula's 1,000-year history and a vow from the mayor that they would not be allowed to return.

Old men in the striped uniforms of the death camps, filmed by television from half a dozen countries, were among protesters.

Stoph niece describes her escape

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

The niece of Herr Willi Stoph, the East German Prime Minister, planned to defect from East Germany during a stopover in Canada on the way to Cuba in 1982, but gave up the idea when she and her husband were not allowed to take their two children with them, she told a Sunday newspaper here.

Continuing her memoirs in the mass circulation *Bild Am Sonntag*, Frau Ingrid Berg said her next plan was to seek asylum in the West German mission in East Berlin.

She and her husband, Hans-Dieter, drove past the mission on February 23, but saw a massive East German police presence outside. So that evening they decided to try to escape via Prague, and droe to the West german Embassy there the next day with their children.

THE ARTS



PUBLISHING

A sort of privilege

W.H.Smith & Son (Holdings) plc are doing well. They have recently just given their twenty-sixth annual literary award, of £4,000, to the poet Philip Larkin for a paperback collection of reviews and journalism. They have also just announced substantially increased profits: "Sales of personal computers and books were particularly strong", writes their chairman, Simon Hornby, who properly takes pride in being a bookman.

Mr Hornby points out also that "new member recruitment for the Book Club business was good and results improved significantly". A reader – let us call him D. Defoe – has sent me a letter he has received from John Richards, Privileged Members' Division at W.H.Smith & Doubleday's Book of the Month Club operation at Swindon. The computer typewritten letter is described as "a special invitation" and invites D. Defoe to acquire "hardcover books from as little as 20 pence each!" It continues: "That's right! Beautiful hardcover books published at £17 . . . £18 . . . or even £19 each! But you can choose yours from as little as 25 pence each!" Why the sudden extra 5p is not explained, but maybe the exclamation marks compensate.

Mr Richards goes on to confide: "This is your opportunity to join the 'Privileged Members' Division' of Book of the Month Club on extremely generous terms. It's really a club within a club, with a MUCH better offer than anything appearing in our magazine or press advertisements." And so, ludicrously, it continues. Provided you reply within 14 days: "You'll receive a Parker T-Ball pen – FREE! And during your first year's membership you would save £67.75 if you bought eight specified books at the Club's total offer price (£24.95) as opposed to the publishers' prices (£92.70).

"All we cut", says the Club's handout, "are the prices!" – and then asks "How is it done?". The answer is somewhat disingenuous. "It's what you might call a matter of demand and supply. One of our members describes it as '. . . a very satisfying form of Reader Power'."

As I have commented in the past, whoever grows rich on book club sales it is not the author, or the publisher, or booksellers. Nor, at 25 pence a throw, can it be Mr Richards. Certainly the blandness of the vast majority of books offered to new members by the Club gives the lie to the belief that a book is a book is a book.

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Penguin have launched their ambitious, elegantly designed and inexpensive series of Passnotes with a first list of 16 titles. Although the back cover copy reads "Everything you need to succeed in examinations" this, patently, is not the case. The "set-text" titles run from 96 to 112 pages (novels include *Pride and Prejudice*, *Wuthering Heights* and *Great Expectations*, the plays are all by the Bard) and "subject guides" from 128 to 240 pages (including English language, Chemistry, Mathematics).

The first sentence of Jill Talbot's introduction to Dickens's novel states that "The Penguin copy of *Great Expectations* begins with a brief factual account of Charles Dickens's life and works"; and further down the same page reference is made to "Magwitch's escape (see Angus Wilson's *The World of Charles Dickens*)" published by. . . you've got the picture. In fact all the "set-text" Passnotes tie in with the Penguin editions, and why shouldn't they?

Although the series is aimed at the O-level and CSE market the books are on sale in general bookshops and at net rather than non-net (educational) prices. Penguin's academic marketing manager, Andrew Welham, declines to reveal how many copies have been printed but comments: "Suffice to say that we will be spending nearly £40,000 on launch and expect very high sales indeed".

All titles are written (I prefer to say compiled) by sometime practising teachers, and the six I have read are extremely sensible. In *Wuthering Heights* there is even a family tree of the characters.

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The only author registered for Public Lending Right in the first year who did not come out with as much as other grateful authors thought she should have done was Brigid Brophy. Almost every author, give or take a poet and non-fiction writer or two, did better then he or she anticipated. This is unlikely to be the case next year as so many authors, including MPs, who thought the business of form-filling and coping with the statutory declaration (free in front of a JP; £2 with a solicitor, notary public or commissioner of oaths) was not worth the effort, now realize they lost out. Many more than the 6,086 authors who received PLR cheques the other day are expected to register for the second year's sample by June 30.

E. J. Craddock

Simon Rattle (right) tomorrow begins an imaginative series of concerts with the Philharmonia Orchestra: **Nicholas Kenyon** discovers how it happened

The heart of the Viennese tradition

Simon Rattle is not yet 30 (he makes it in January next year), but over the last decade he has been the most conspicuously successful of all British conductors. Or perhaps not so conspicuously, for his success has been built as much on refusing work as on accepting it, on waiting for the right conditions and the right time.

He has turned down conducting at the Met, because of the rehearsals or lack of them; he has turned down conducting the New York Philharmonic, because the orchestra has such a reputation for being difficult; and he told me he has turned down being music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic in succession to Giulini, "because I'm committed to what I'm doing in this country, and I would not like my son to be brought up in California".

Rattle is already fortunate enough to be able to choose exactly what he wants to do. He is happy as conductor of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, and now does less elsewhere. "I'm only interested in conducting when I can choose the programmes; there's no longer any pleasure in trying to do things I don't love or am not ready for. So I plan further and further ahead: that's frightening. I know now that two or three years ahead I'll spend a season just doing basically Beethoven symphonies. It takes a terribly long time to learn something properly, and I now want to add works quite slowly to my repertory."

Which is why the major series with the Philharmonia Orchestra "Mahler, Strauss and their influence" – which begins tomorrow at the Festival Hall – is so welcome to him. It represents an unusually concentrated period of work in London for him, and a chance to explore a coherent theme in a series of programmes of his own devising. One might have thought such a series would have been years in the making, but Rattle's explanation was typically candid and straightforward.

"The Philharmonia had a tour of Spain, and it fell through. So one day when I was rehearsing, Chris Bishop, their manager, came up to me and said: 'We've got this time. Why don't we do a series of concerts, perhaps with one or two at the Elizabeth Hall, around a theme – you think about it'. So in my bath that afternoon I dreamed up this collection of Mahler and Strauss and the Second Viennese School with all my favourite works in it, and I thought they would soon shoot it down. It was a marvellous opportunity, which you don't often get in London, to put concerts together which really make sense."

"In fact, Chris was keen, and the orchestra were very encouraging too, and players like John Wallace said 'we really must do this'. Because the Philharmonia has, I think, hardly ever played this Second Viennese School material, I thought it would be fascinating to put it in the context of Mahler and Strauss, partly to show that it isn't just academic and dissonant – all the things that has put off the public – but grows out of that romantic tradition."

Wasn't the public notion of Schoenberg and Webern as inexpressive largely conditioned by bad performances? "Oh I think so, because before Boulez came along, and showed how this music could sound transparent and beautiful, people had little idea of what it was about. Now I feel we've also got a chance to show how it can be done – Karajan's Webern performances are just ravishing, you know. If you read what Webern said you learn how he played the piano using masses of rubato, and the rhythm could hardly be made out."

Did they all admire each other? "Well, Mahler didn't admire Strauss. But Schoenberg, Berg and Webern regarded Mahler with fantastic respect. Berg even said of Mahler's Sixth that it was the only Sixth symphony, and he was including the "Pastoral"! Mahler came to the first performance of the Schoenberg Chamber Symphony, and he turned around and castigated the people who were booing. Apparently he said afterwards that he couldn't claim to understand everything Schoenberg was doing, but he knew it was great."

Where did that leave Strauss? Wasn't he the unadventurous one here? "Well, we couldn't do *Salome* or *Elektra*, obviously. And I deliberately chose his very neo-classical pieces, a bit of *Ariadne* and *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*, because they're gorgeous pieces and make such a strong contrast. I really cannot understand the anti-Strauss feeling that's around these days. He was a great composer, but a completely different figure from Mahler."

And why the Prelude from Wagner's *Tristan* to open the series? "It's what started it all. It's the one key to all this music, and when you hear those first harmonies you realize that this is in every way the seminal piece for the composers that followed. And, if there's such a thing as a running gag in the music of the Second Viennese School, it is finding the *Tristan* chord – it's all over the place. *Till Eulenspiegel* is a joke about the *Tristan* chord.

"The one thing I have changed from my original conception of the series is that originally we were to finish with Mahler's Tenth in a completion that's different from Deryck Cooke's, by the American Clinton Carpenter. He's in his mid-seventies, and it's a quite different approach from Cooke's, with bits of other Mahler symphonies thrown in. If you watch the BBC2 programmes I've done in a couple of months, you'll hear a bit of that realization. But, when I tried it, it sounded completely different from the way it looked on the page – I just couldn't do it with conviction. It was very strange. So we'll do *Das Lied* instead, and the first chance here to hear Florrie Quivar sing isn't something to sniff at!"

Though this Philharmonia series is obviously important to him, Rattle's first commitment is still to the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, whose conductor he has been for five years now. "My future is in Birmingham. Absolutely; no reservations at all. There just aren't the conditions in London for good orchestral work, although I don't see why they shouldn't be made. There was a time when the Hallé was this country's best orchestra, and I don't see any reason why the CBSO shouldn't grow to be the same, if we can get the pay and the conditions right for the players. I've been amazed at how far we've got in this short time."



Sophie Baker

Television

Changing literary shapes

In New York today's avant garde is tomorrow's old hat. Frenzy, fear and the fast buck fuel the fashions and Melvyn Bragg was quite right to reflect on the ephemeral nature of acclaim there when he introduced Kathy Acker on LWT's **The South Bank Show** last night.

She has apparently had a best seller, *Blood and Guts in High School*, and has written a film, *Variety*, which Channel 4 is to bring to our attention. It is a fair guess that she has not swum into your ken yet and Mr Bragg obviously felt that, minnow now, she is going to be quite something later.

He kindly warned those with reservations about sexual explicitness in his preamble (it is surprising how frequent such warnings are becoming) and drew her out about her life and approach to literature. The first has been hectic. She lives in the Lower East Side. The area is grimly poor, mainly Puerto Rican and dangerous. Ms Acker's apartment, she said, had seen 13 murders.

Once she left, "after several personal disasters", but returned with some resolutions, one of which was to find "some kind of stability that didn't pressure anybody". Her movement is centred among painters and found its voice with the import of punk from Britain, particularly in the persons of the Sex Pistols.

This manifestation of vocalized despair gave them the impetus to make art of their lives and Ms Acker, a middle-class Jewish girl with an unhappy childhood, seeks hers in writing, embracing what she described as a theory of plagiarism, a kind of literary collage, juxtaposing this and that.

She thinks nothing of American novelists such as Mailer, Roth or Malamud. She feels they are trying to impose some sort of culture, and she does not want that. Nor does she want to tell a story. It is only at the last draft – she goes to five or six – that she thinks about her readers.

She aims to break down meaning. After a disillusioning career in sex films and the sex industry, only recently, she said, had she ceased to confuse sex with love. Her hope is that she will learn something in her search.

She is anxious to enlarge her range of possibilities, even to change her shape. She lifts weights, which is very in, to the latter end: "There's no way you can do this", she said, curling away, "and not change your life".

In BBC2's **One Pair of Eyes** Laurie Taylor tried to be joky about his preference for town, specifically Battersea, over country. The joke would not stretch to half an hour, and made one want to get away from it all.

Dennis Hackett

Opera

Blend of truth

War and Peace

Coliseum

There are few things more tedious than somebody else's nationalism, and yet every time the English National Opera perform Prokofiev's epic *War and Peace* they somehow contrive to convert the Coliseum audience into a crowd of Cossacks, ready to cheer Kutuzov to the echo, and to feel a mixture of numbed loathing and satisfaction at the troubles of that heartless devil Napoleon. The opera is made for such crude responses. One feels indeed that everybody ought to rise up and shout the final patriotic hymn along with the chorus (it has certainly been heard often enough by that stage), but even without such evidence of involvement it was clear on Saturday night that the production has been revived in excellent condition for its visit to the United States in the summer.

The "Peace" half of the work is always more difficult to bring off, partly because Prokofiev uses here the techniques of the film composer. Often he creates an atmosphere with a wisp of melody and then merely sustains it through repetition, leaving himself little room to chase subtleties of feeling or character. If, nevertheless, there are some finely drawn portraits in this part – Eilene Hannan's delightfully fresh and prettily sung Natasha, Ann Howard's blowsy Hélène or Kenneth Woollam's Pierre, exactly right in his anxiety to be good – they owe more to the singers than to the score.

And not even this cast, most of whom took the same roles when the opera was last revived 18 months ago, can find much to do with the linking orchestral passages that sound most like film music and demand the movement of a camera. Curiously, the outdoor second part is much less cinematic. If Prokofiev was influenced here by his work in another medium, then that medium was surely the oratorio, in its wide-brushed Stalinist manifestation.

The distinctly raucous chorus made a good noise, backed to the hilt by the orchestra under James Lockhart. But Mr Lockhart found much more than cannon and mortar effects even in the "War" act, and he won from the orchestra the true togetherness that is essential if the sugar and vinegar blends of Prokofiev's scoring are to work. It was an orchestra that could turn in a moment from petal smoothness to steely strength, reminding one time and again that this is a score with all the virtuosity and variety of *Romeo and Juliet*.

Among the combatants in an enormous cast, Eric Shilling again pulls off the trick of changing from the bumbling Rostov of "Peace" into the sardonic Kutuzov of "War" without making one think Natasha's father is masquerading as the general. Malcolm Donnelly's Napoleon is a picture of the dead soul, and Russell Smythe, a new Andrey, was getting into an ungrateful part by the time he reached the intolerably sentimental and vulgar deathbed scene.

Paul Griffiths



Malcolm Donnelly's Napoleon: "a picture of the dead soul"

Jazz/Rock

George Benson

Wembley Arena

Ian Dury

Hammersmith Odeon

Playing bebop with Johnny Griffin, weaving a blues solo around the voice of a great soul singer on Bobby Womack's new record, cutting his own pop hits in collaboration with such master craftsmen as Quincy Jones and Rod Temperton – all this variety must make George Benson's life one of the most enviable in popular music.

During his recent five-night season at Wembley his demeanour put me in mind of B.B.King, to whose eminence he will surely one day succeed. Benson has the same spirit, the same ability to give an audience what it wants without either underestimating or patronising its intelligence, and the same dignity.

He sings pleasantly on such songs as "Give Me the Night" and "In Your Eyes", translating for the Stevie Wonder generation a tradition of cream-toned ballad singing going back through Johnny Mathis to Nat Cole; but it is as a guitarist that he fulfils his destiny, supercharging the understated thumb-picking associated with Wes Montgomery into a more extrovert approach. Never, though, is the frenzy of the moment allowed to gain the upper hand over his innate decorum.

What I found particularly significant and impressive was the way every song was terminated neatly and concisely, the loose head arrangements of "This Masquerade" and "Nature Boy" as well as the more enclosed structures of "Love Times Love" and "Turn Your Love Around". Unlike most of his contemporaries, Benson is willing to leave a song before he has worn it out.

His use of a 40-piece string section enables another comparison with B. B. King, less flattering to both, this time in the matter of taking respectability just a little too far; and the poorly-amplified strings achieved nothing that a synthesizer could not have managed with more precision. The three-man horn section, however, clearly enjoyed the inventive riffs and punctuations they were called on to supply.

Similar musicianship could also be heard from another horn section on Friday at Ian Dury's return to London, with a backing band he calls the Music Students replacing his erstwhile Blockheads. The trumpeter Steve Sidwell and the saxophonist Jamie Talbot, both graduates of the National Youth Jazz Orchestra, embellished Dury's hits and misses with great skill, Sidwell decorating "Percy the Poet" with a solo of such finely balanced phrase and timbre that Wynton Marsalis himself would have been proud to have coined it.

Richard Williams

Theatre

In Darkest England

Drill Hall

By a truly dramatic conversion, the big dingy bar in this Chenies Street fringe theatre has turned into an inviting and versatile staging space, with banked seating on two sides and a streamlined new bar at the back. Christening it, and coinciding with the Marx and William Morris anniversaries, is a refreshing, imaginative entertainment about Victorian England by Doppelganger, a group which re-forms itself for every show round a nucleus of two gifted people.

David Baird spends the evening mostly ensconced in the music corner, drawing an extraordinary variety of sounds from a battery of instruments including his own throat. Ljiljana Ortolja blends with the 14-stong company, emerging as a doting mother suckling an insatiable Mr Punch from successive breasts or a uniformed Briton bringing the orientally-masked Mr Baird to acceptance of the Union Jack. Four weeks of workshop experiment produce a profusion of images that use the company as a meticulously choreographed team of creative individuals, compiling an animated Mayhew from a swiftly-assembled public hanging, a music hall or a cholera tableau.

Some sequences are puzzling; a few, like the cries-of-London montage, cover familiar ground. But ideas and energy never flag, and the inventive use of space constantly amazes. And the lighting: lurking beneath us for a ratcatching night scene, flickering in private candles with which the company search each other's (and our) faces for Blake's "marks of weakness, marks of woe", blazing from a side exit for an ecstatic procession celebrating a giant Queen Victoria.

The period's fertility of ideas, its contrasts of enlightenment and barbarity, give them a rich field. Bedlam, with its dementedly drilling soldier and its self-imagined monarch, furnishes the Queen despatching a doomed hero to the Crimea. But equally there is the delight of a baroque pas de deux for city-building surveyors, or the girl illustrating a geographer's lecture with an uproariously graphic impersonation of an exotic sea-slug. This last, with other curious fruits of empire, is ingeniously included in a pageant that would surely have amused Victoria as much as all of us.

Anthony Masters

Concert

Class of a master

Lutoslawski Festival

Royal Academy of Music

How better to increase the interest of music then students in contemporary music than to secure the services for a week of a great composer? That is what the Royal Academy of Music did, involving as many of their charges as possible in lectures and concerts. Not least among the reasons for the venture's success was the choice of composer, for Witold Lutoslawski's music is as immediatly charming as the man, besides being a good deal more.

The music in the final concert spanned the two decades beginning with *Venetian Games* (1962), the work which, with its well-defined sections of aleatoric, if hardly anarchic, counterpoint reveals for the first time the avant-gardiste in Lutoslawski. This performance, by the Manson Ensemble under Paul Patterson's direction, was alive and robust, the percussion's punctuations crisply signifying the work's progress while instrumental groups engaged in their almost primeval antiphony.

From this to *Chain I*, written last year for the principals of the London Sinfonietta, is a long journey. The later work's title suggests tangled complexity, but for most of the piece two strands of simultaneous events simply overlap and interlock with each other, yet another example of Lutoslawski devising new forms for novel statements. Odaline de la Martinez conducted the Manson Ensemble here, and it was she who took charge of their excellent reading of the Preludes from *Preludes and Fugue* for 13 solo strings (1972). These studies in textures and idioms contain a satisfying tension between the ritual of the written note and the liberty of rhythmic freedom.

But this is absolute music. Not so *Paroles tissées* (1965), given by the RAM Sinfonia under Colin Metters. The insights of the tenor soloist, Antony Rich, assisted these settings of Chabrun to do what they were intended to do, digging our fears from the subconscious so that we might confront them knowingly.

However, the climax of the week came with the composer's own performance with the RAM Symphony Orchestra of his masterful *Livre pour orchestre* (1968), another ingeniously hybrid structure that succeeds in making a mightily impressive something out of the nothing that innocently bridges its four movements. In turns brazen and poetic, but above all cogent, this was a reading that will stay in the memory of the young players – and audience – for a while yet.

Stephen Pettitt

● English National Opera is to present *War and Peace*, *Rigoletto*, *Gloriana*, *Patience* and *The Turn of the Screw* during its tour of the United States from May 24 to June 30. The tour, which involves more than 350 members of the company, begins in Houston, travels to Austin, San Antonio and New Orleans, and ends with a two-week season at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York.

SPECTRUM

Once more, with feeling

At the pinnacle of her career in ballet, Lynn Seymour turned from success to be 'wholesome, healthy and poor.' Now she returns to the classical stage and talks to Alan Hamilton

Suresh Karadia



Lynn Seymour in her rambling Hampshire manor where an old sideboard serves as her barre

Lynn Seymour, variously described as the Elizabeth Taylor or the Guy Burgess of British ballet, is returning to the classical stage. But briefly.

Taylor because of the somewhat kaleidoscopic nature of her private life, and Burgess because of her celebrated defection four years ago, when she announced with dramatic suddenness her resignation from the Royal Ballet, forsaking the career of a highly acclaimed prima ballerina for the uncharted demi-monde of rock music and experimental modern dance.

On May 13, before Mrs Ronald Reagan and other American high society paying up to 250 dollars a ticket, Lynn will take the stage of the New York Metropolitan Opera in a gala charity performance to mark the Met's centenary. Her chosen cameo is *Five Brahms Waltzes in the manner of Isadora Duncan*, a piece created for her by Sir Frederick Ashton when she was at the pinnacle of her conventional career.

It is very much a one-off performance, although she has been asked to repeat it in London and Vienna later in the year. When she turned her back on the adulation of the critics, the dressing rooms stacked high with bouquets and the admiration of her fellow professionals in 1980, the gesture was as good as final: since then, she calculates, she has appeared on a public stage only three times.

She agonized long before accepting the Met's invitation, but decided in the end it would be fun. But it also means an immense degree of hard work for a waif-like body, now 45 years old, to regain the necessary level of suppleness and sheer muscular strength. Already, for an hour and half every day, she gives herself a stern ballet class in the rambling Victorian manor house in Hampshire where she and her third husband moved last month, and where in an empty pine-panelled room an old sideboard serves as her barre.

Her defection from Covent Garden, shortly before she was scheduled to take a leading role in A *Month In The Country*, was greeted at the time with astonishment and dismay, and was widely branded as misguided. It was not, she says herself, as sudden as it appeared.

The Canadian dentist's daughter was elevated from the obscurity of Vancouver at the age of 14 when she won a ballet scholarship to London, and from there she rose steadily to a position of pre-eminence in British ballet, known for her total commitment to a role as much as for her technical dancing skill. Her career reached a peak in 1976 with the award of a CBE, and her *Swan Lake* and *Giselle* were hailed as bringing wonderful freshness to well worn roles.

Then her career was abruptly interruped by a hysterectomy operation, on top of which were piled, in rapid succession, a mild mental breakdown and a strained Achilles tendon, just as she was struggling to get back into dancing shape. At about the same time it was brought home to her that she was approaching middle years, and that the number of roles for middle-aged prima ballerinas were, to say the least, scarce.

It was, however, a crisis of confidence which finally persuaded her to lay a plan of escape. "I just felt that I could not go through with *A Month In The Country*. After my illness, I wasn't ready. I was making myself ill worrying about it, so I decided that it would be better to be wholesome, and healthy, and poor. Actually I never enjoyed performing all that much; I always had a terrible fear of falling on my bum."

So instead of another performing of boring old enchantment in *A Month In The Country*, she returned from illness with a decidely offbeat cameo at a charity gala at the London Palladium in aid of one-parent families. Dressed as a slag of a one-parent mother, with kitchen steps and a washing-up rack for props, she gave a performance which drew thin applause and much perjorative use of the word "punk" by the critics.

That, and some avant-garde work with the Royal Ballet workshop, convinced her of the new direction in which she should go. She moved into the outer fringes of dance, performing soft-shoe shuffles with the skater Robin Cousins, and experimenting with ballet on roller skates three years before *Starlight Express*.

Although undoubedly still a woman of great drive, her energies seem to have become dissipated, almost in too many different directions. She teaches a great deal, and has returned to the world of classical ballet on several occasions to choreograph more traditional pieces. But fame and success as an innovator of rock ballet have never quite gelled.

Now, in partnership with her husband, 12 years her junior and a rock and jazz promoter, she is spreading her net even further. Her autobiography appears next month, and she plans to follow it with a book on what she calls "sensible exercise", for both dancer and lay stiffy.

"I am appalled by the aerobics boom, and all those exercise books encouraging you to work at it until it hurts. The only people who benefit are the orthopaedic surgeons. You should build up exercise gradually; when you are a ballet dancer, terrible fatigue is always with you, and you are working on automatic pilot all the time. You get so tired that you are not watching for the sudden awkward movement; that's when the accidents happen."

Although she has largely cut herself off from the world of professional dancing, although Ashton and Macmillan no longer scramble to create roles especially for her, and although her award of a CBE for services to her art in 1976 now seems an age ago, she says she misses none of it, and remains convinced that her decision to quit was the right one.

"I look back at some of my supposedly great performances on video, and I think to myself, my God, that wasn't so hot. I used to get so worried about maintaining a standard, and when I made the decision to resign it was an immense relief. I never had fantastic physical strength, so without my commitment to a role which I relied on so much, I had nothing."

Shortly to bear fruit is another scheme, the launch of a Lynn Seymour range of dance clothes designed by herself and her husband. A longer-term plan, which would come to fruition if only wealthy backers could be found, is to make ballet films. "We want to do for ballet what Zeffirelli did for *La Traviata*; the best performances filmed by the best film directors."

Her return to the stage of the Met, if only for one performance, will be a considerable test of physical and mental stamina. If she enjoys it, she might do some more. The Burgess of ballet has found neither fame nor great fortune on the other side, but at least the dangers of falling on her bum have been more or less eliminated.

Tomorrow

The MacMillan revolution: the first extract from Lynn Seymour's autobiography

moreover . . . Miles Kington

The managing director of Topscale Recycling felt good. He had looked out of his bedroom window in the morning and admired his garden, kept in tip-top shape by his gardener at an annual wage of £6,000. He had enjoyed his breakfast, prepared by his wife (about £7,000 a year). He had read his newspaper, delivered by a small boy for about 70p a year. And now he was being driven to work by his chauffeur for a paltry £8,000 a year.

He felt good because of all these people who were working for him. It couldn't be the money that made them do it (and that was paid by the company anyway). It must be because they liked him. That made him feel good. Yes, I'm quite a guy, thought the managing director of Topscale Recycling.

A quarter of a mile from his factory gates he made the chauffeur stop the car and got his folding bike out of the boot. He liked to arrive at work on a bike, not just because it impressed the work-force and because he could claim the bike against tax, but because it made him, in some way he couldn't define, feel good.

One thing especially made him feel extra-good on this bright morning. Topscale Recycling had recently expanded its operations to the extent of needing an extra store manager, and they had advertised the post nationally. This meant that they were making jobs. They were actually reducing unemployment. He felt as if he himself were the light at the end of the tunnel that people were always talking about. And today was the day on which they were to start sifting applications for the new post.

"Good morning, sir," said the doorman whose job it was, apart from making difficulties for everyone entering the building, to park the managing director's bicycle when he arrived. The doorman personally thought it was silly to get a bike out of the boot 400 yards from the factory gates, but he wasn't paid £12,000 a year to keep such thoughts to himself. He was paid £6,000 to do it. But he kept such thoughts to himself anyway.

"Right", said the managing director, sweeping into his office and feeling extremely good. "How many applications have we had for that job?"

His assistant decided not to beat about the bush.

"Three million," he said.

"How many?" said the managing director.

"Three million," said his assistant. This conversation was repeated several times until his boss realized he wasn't joking. He wasn't paid £9,000 a year to make jokes. They came extra.

"All I can assume, sir, is that every unemployed person in Britain has applied for this job," said the assistant.

"Any idea why?" said the managing director.

"Yes, sir. The post carries a salary of £7,000 a year. There was a misprint in the advertisement and it comes out at £70,000 a year."

The managing director thought about this for a moment. He thought briefly of the hopes he had aroused in 3,000,000 breasts. He thought secondly of the trouble they would have going through 3,000,000 job applications. But most of all he thought of the wonderful amount of free waste paper that Topscale Recycling would get from 3,000,000 unanswered letters. They had just made a fortune, simply by advertising a job.

"Make up another new job," said the managing director," and advertise it at £80,000 a year. And make sure there is no misprint this time."

"Yes, sir," said the assistant.

The managing director felt very good indeed.

They were about to make another fortune. Nobody had ever thought of recycling job application letters before. It was the biggest new growth industry in Britain.

(This short story has been provided, free of charge, by Tory Central Office. Another one coming soon!)

FINDINGS

A series reporting on research: PUBLIC OPINION

The role of the polls

The idea that opinion polls should be banned during general elections has been argued by the occasional academic lecturer or left-wing MP. Sometimes this proposal has been put forward with the rationale that because "opinion polls influence the way people vote", publication of opinion polls should be banned during general elections.

Gallup, on the eve of the poll and on polling day in June, found 4½ per cent of voters who said their vote had been influenced by what the opinion polls said. A poll just published, especially commissioned by the BBC and IBA and conducted by Martin-Hamblyn Research, found that 18 per cent of the public said television had "helped in deciding how to vote in the election" and the report suggests that when translated into electoral terms, television may have had an important role to play on a national level.

Sex in the USSR

Just two-thirds (67 per cent) of American high school seniors say they worry about nuclear war, according to a survey conducted by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research and reported recently in the *Washington Post*. This is down slightly from the 71 per cent who were so concerned in 1982 but well above the 42 per cent who said they were worried about nuclear war in 1976 and the 47 per cent in 1977.

Brighton rock

The Market Research society's 27th annual conference featured a score of papers and another score of company presentations and panels devoted to dissecting, digesting and introspecting the market research business.

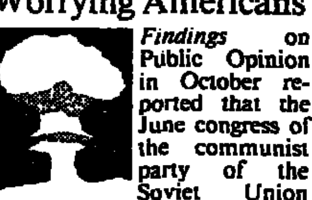
The papers could be classified into: **external** *(eg, "measuring the quality of customer service" of Yorkshire Bank; "recruiting soldiers: optimising recruitment literature", "Do shoppers look at prices?"), and* **internal** *("The communications of results"; "Stimuli material: a dual viewpoint") or* **qualitative** *("Use of panels for qualitative research", "Sensitivity panels in qualitative research") and* **quantitative** *("Daily life in the '80s, measuring time use", "Measuring time use", 'Measuring the future market for cable television").*

The degree to which housewives do or do not shop on price in their purchase of household goods struck me as interesting. Nearly half (46 per cent) don't look at the price when buying baked beans, 41 per cent don't look when buying instant coffee, and 44 per cent don't compare prices when buying scouring products.



Price watchers: many housewives do not bother

Worrying Americans



Findings on Public Opinion in October reported that the June congress of the communist party of the Soviet Union had authorised the setting up of an Institute of Public Opinion. Just recently a survey for the newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda reported that just of one-third (36 per cent) of marriages in the Soviet Union are between couples who have known each other for less than six months and another 29 per cent between six months and one year. The poll found that the average age of the girl is 22 and of the man 25 and the paper reports that "many are sexually illiterate" (sic) and concludes that on the basis of that, sex education must be improved.

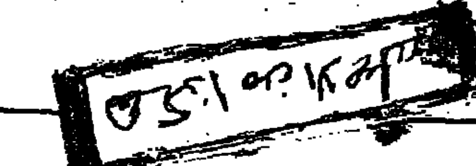
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Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise





MONDAY PAGE

Paul Pickering on the flowering of vegetarianism

A green and pleasant band

When Graham Greene introduced the wonderfully dotty presidential candidate Mr William Abel Smith in *The Comedians*, vegetarians were fair game. A character who stood for the White House in '48 on a no-meat ticket and thought he coud soothe the murderous Tontons Macoute with carrot croquettes was an exotic everyone could laugh at. Veggies were regarded as a cranky minority who affected beards and sandals.

Now, if J. R. Ewing rushed into the Cattleman's Club set on some piece of nastiness or other, no one would blink if the scripwriter suddenly made him a vegetarian. "I see ol' J. R.'s into soya futures, maybe we should jump in there too." Cliff Barnes might snarl over a suddenly passé steak and before one could say 'Money', there would be countless books and videos extolling the Dallas Diet of honey n' grits.

We live in a decade obsessed with fitness and longevity. No one thinks millionaire Larry Hagman, who plays the vile J. R., is in any way weird for being a vegetarian in real life, wanting to live to a ripe old age and organically enjoy all his dollars. Actors have led the field in this self-centred fashion and unhealthy eating is a scandal worse than adultery in Hollywood. When the late Steve McQueen ballooned to 16 stone and more from an addiction to hamburgers, the gossip columns started to treat him as something obscene, another Fatty Arbuckle.

It's a very short step from cutting down calories and increasing the roughage to forgetting about meat, fish and eggs altogether. And vegetarianism has never really been just a cissy fad.

Robust writer and socialist George Bernard Shaw was a veggie long before the new narcissim reared its toupeed head, the Vegetarian Society points out. It is none the less delighted by the fashionable new image. The popular hero of the 1980s looks after himself (as no one else will) even James Bond rewritten today would probably be a vegetarian.



Hitler and Hagman – veggies

But there is a skeleton in the cupboard. "Yes, Adolf Hitler was a vegetarian; he didn't like killing animals," said a Vegetarian Society spokesman. The Fuhrer forgot to extend the rule to people and somehow one expects veggies to be full of enlightened self interest, if not downright nice, and refrain from starting global conflicts hell bent on world domination.

Before his final exit, Hitler did for vegetarianism what Mark Thatcher has done for long distance rallying – drove it completely off the map. It took the movement years to recover and for a time even the political purity of Marmite was in doubt. The return of meat after the war was linked in many minds with freedom and democracy.

But the 1984 vegetarian is no apologist, nor is he likely to be an airy idealist in a Legalize Marijuana T-shirt just back from Greenham.

The new veggie is far more likely to be an electronics executive who drives an Audi Quattro and works out his probable Vitamin B 12 deficiency on a fourth generation micro computer. He has arrived at his "system efficient" approach to food through a positive thinking course and needs only a little Kendo in his spare time to keep trim. Meat is now as neanderthal as Keynes or squash and if you meet Super-Veggie at a dinner party you feel like drowning him in the creme brulee, only he looks too fit.

But a brave new veggie world would be nice for the beasts and one would no longer have to think of nifty explanations to nieces on why Mr Baa Lamb or Mrs Moo Cow had vanished without trace. Soon, lamb chops will seem as strange as stir frying the dachshund or the budgerigar. The only thing not to recommend immediately hanging up the bloody cleaver is that vegetarianism is becoming too fashionable, like India or the Golf GTI.

And at this moment my beloved has stifled the temptation to "come out" of the sprouting shed and be a veggie by bringing me a tasteful 48 layer salt beef sandwich. Dreadfully sorry, Mr Moo.

Paul Pickering

EASING THE PAIN

Bill Maynard

I became a vegetarian three years ago, basically because my wife was ill. She had cancer and has now died. Nearly every book I read on a cancer cure recommended vegetarianism. I read so many books it put me off meat altogether. I used to suffer from gout and was on three tablets a day which had the unfortunate effect of making your joints lock. When I became a vegetarian the gout went. The doctors said it had been from the build up of uric acid in all the meat I ate. I took myself off to New Zealand and started eating meat and the gout came straight back.

"People still think it a bit odd to be a veggie. Had my wife not been ill I would not have realized how harmful meat is. I also lost weight because instead of having a sandwich, I ate the right food. You look a bit silly asking for a carrot sandwich. It hasn't affected my career. I'm playing a villain for a change in a coming episode of *Minder*, and I don't think he's a veggie."

WE ARE NOT ALONE

Peter Cushing

In the Dracula films I always played the goody against the force of evil who was nost certainly not a vegetarian. I think people now do not imagine it eccentric or odd; the papers are full of articles and even recipes so I am sure I'm not alone. I turned to it in 1971 after my wife died, mainly because I did not agree with the cruelty caused to animals in modern farming. You just have to go round an abattoir. Animals were put on earth to be used not misused.

"I'm not against people eating meat, although I don't; I think animals should get the dignity they deserve. At the moment they are herded into terrible confined spaces and know something is up. They should be dealt with in the best possible way, not the cheapest. People also should consider the terrible methods they use to make animals put on fat or to produce *foie gras*. Vegetarianism must be a healthier diet, though that for me is secondary. But some people do need meat. They used to have to give Bernard Shaw secret meat extract injections when he became very ill. He would have been furious."

OVERWEIGHT DOWN UNDER

Gary Glitter

"It's been two years now and it started because I had a weight problem. I used to go to a well known Harley Street chappie who gave me injections and lethal pills. I just used to eat meat and every time I lost weight it made me aggressive and horrible. A tour of Australia was coming up and I was 15½ stone. I could not bear to go on that hyper-cosmetic type of diet again. Instead, I cut out all fat for a while and it became such a drag to explain in restaurants I decided to leave meat out altogether. Next I cut out fish, and the weight came off so easily.

"We do eat too much meat and I don't fancy it any more because it's like eating dead bodies and I prefer live ones. I'm between 11½ and 12 stone now and have just made a new record. My skin is so much better and I can enjoy vegetable curries and the odd beer. I was a war baby and can remember when the Sunday joint had to last a week. Meat was very much a boom time thing of the '60s."



DOYLE À LA CARTE

Martin Shaw

"I'm 39 now and have been a vegetarian for 13 years. The question was whether one could live well without killing. The only reason for killing something was that one liked the taste, which just isn't a good enough reason to take life. I used to really love meat, but when I allowed myself to see what I was doing because I preferred a certain taste it was abominable. I stopped overnight.

"A lot of us are concerned with protesting about saving the whale or world hunger, even the cruise missile. But if you start with yourself you can eradicate the frame of mind that terminates in cruise. It's something I can do myself and nothing is hard to keep up if you make a real commitment. It's as easy as not having to think about murdering someone. But you cannot say 'I'm going to try it': that's weedy. And there are times when it has given me hassles. When I made *Operation Daybreak* in Czechoslovakia they did not seem to have a word for vegetatian. But there was never any temptation to revert. It's not a sacrifice and I never feel I have to control myself."

MR SPEAKER'S ORDER

The Rt Hon. Bernard Weatherill

I became a vegetarian as a result of seeing the famine of 1942 in Bengal. The consumption of meat is not just a question of cruelty to animals, but of cruelty to people. It's the duty of politicians to look ahead and the world's hungry could be fed if 10 per cent of the grain now given to animals were used for human consumption. We grow twice as much food on this planet each year as is necessary to give everyone an adequate diet and we are obsessed with animal protein.

"In Britain we spend a ridiculous £100 million a year on slimming aids to avoid the consequences of over eating. That cannot be right. But I have a great hope for the future. There is now even a vegetarian chef in the House of Commons. I have not managed to convert my wife yet, although she never eats meat when we are alone. It's strange, 150 years ago they abolished slavery and I'll bet 150 years from now people will say with horror that in 1984 they used to eat meat. The image has changed; once vegetarians all wore sandals and went looking for fairies. We really need a new name."

Wishbone and drumstick

FIRST PERSON

By Paddy Kitchen

I had one wish for my son when he was born: that there would be something he really wanted to do, and that he would have the talent to do it. Walking to nursery school one day, he suddenly said. "When Ringo Starr dies, I'll be the Beatles' drummer." Record labels were the first things he could read. My mother gave him a pair of size one knitting needles, and he used to drum along with *Top of the Pops* on the arm of the sofa.

As he grew older, he could reel off chart positions, group line-ups, song writers, vocalists' aliases. By the time he was twelve, his Christmas and birthdays consisted of about a dozen square, flat parcels. He always supplied a neatly written list of the albums he required, assured us we need not buy them all. But between us, I think we usually did though the older he got, the more obscure the artists became. He'd had some acoustic guitar lessons, and was beginning to compose songs. Academically, he was very bright when he felt like it.

Then a supply teacher came to his school who was a rock drummer in his spare time. He taught my son all he knew about drumming, and told us we ought to buy him a drum kit. So we did. He practised from five to seven virtually every evening for two years and nobody ever complained. "He's getting better," they'd say. "Faster." Louder, too. The street should have been awarded a gold medal for good neighbourliness.

But conversations with some friends started to run like this. "What's your son up to now?" – "Learning drums."

"For the school orchestra?" – "No, Rock drums."

"Oh dear." – "Why?"

"Well . . . I mean. And his stepfather so loves opera." – "He likes pop music too."

"Well, I'm sure your boy will grow out of it. He's only 14, isn't he?"

He formed a band with an older friend who had left school and played guitar. His schoolwork and school behaviour deteriorated drastically. We used to try to get over to him that, although we did not expect him to go to college if he did not want to, and certainly did not want him to give up the band, it *was* perfectly possible to play music and study.

A year later, conversations went like this: "How's your son doing at school?" – "He was expelled."

"But what's he doing?" – "The band are beginning to get gigs, and he's writing songs."

"But will he sit his O-levels?" – "No."

Six months later. "How is your son's . . . er . . . group doing?" – "Fine. He's living in a flat with the guitarist and another friend. They've got a girl manager who's got them a record contract."

My son was 22 recently. The band broke up long ago-they made an album, and had one appearance on the *Old Grey Whistle Test* - and he is married to their manager, who had been waiting for the punk phase to pass before lanuching inot a career as a singer. Her new solo single, produced by my son is just out. He discovered he didn't really like performing in public, but loves working in recording studios.

They both write songs, and we talk to them about their music a lot. I've been longing to see the inside of a studio, but realizing it was like wanting to see a chef cooking rather than sampling his meal, and we're always given the records, not to mention copies, of master tapes.

However, over birthday celebratory dinner, I tentatively voiced curiosity. "I thought you were never going to ask," he said; "I mean it's not something you can inflict on someone by suggesting it. They might find it boring." He grinned and looked pleased. He wasn't christened, so I'm not sure on what occasion the good fairy granted me my one wish.

Flying in the face of fashion

PENNY PERRICK



It seems like only yesterday that a US airline, bowing to feminist displeasure, dropped its "I'm Flossie, fly me" campaign. Yet here we are again, no lessons apparently learnt, faced with another bit of sex in the sky propaganda, this time on behalf of British Caledonian. *Its* ad shows a 'planeload of businessmen drooling over Brit Cal's tartan-suited tootsie of an air hostess.

The repercussions of this campaign have been serious: other airlines are now trying to ground their mature stewardesses, although I suppose they might bend the rules a little if Joan Collins or Britt Ekland offered themselves up to serve plastic sandwiches.

The worry about all this is that it means that the way a woman looks is again a legitimate subject of debate, and *that* means that too many women are going to spend too much time fretting about whether to wear their blue shoes with their black suit instead of on more valid matters. I am all for the Prime Minister giving a boost to British Fashion Week with a party at Number 10, but I thought she went too far and was too frivolous in giving a newspaper interview (splashed across two pages) which provided a frock by frock breakdown of her current wardrobe.

And here is Audrey Slaughter, on the point of launching a new magazine for career women, dismissing the cookery element in her publication as "food will be more of an assembly line job and will major really heavily on automation in the kitchen", while at the same time handing over the fashion pages to Jean Muir, a designer whose obsession with sartorial perfection is almost frightening.

Here also is Brenda Dean who, in the week she was elected the next general secretary of the print union Sogat '82, made a point of stating her keen interest in looking lovely . . . "I make no apology for being a woman . . . I always dress in a feminine way . . ." Well, OK, but Arthur Scargill didn't get where he is today by spending half the morning at the hairdresser.

The point is that, in everyday life, it really doesn't matter whether or not you are a devoted follower of fashion. It would obviously be to her advantage if Shirley Williams were to stop wearing a particularly nasty purple wool dress with a pattern of violently coloured squiggles on it since, seeing her in it, one suspects that anyone daft enough to buy a dress like that mightn't be too clever at running the country. Yet, should she come up with some brilliant piece of political planning, her lack of anything that bears any resemblance to a fashion philosophy will go, momentarily, unremarked. At least, I hope it will.

By far the best dressed person on this newpaper is Bernard Levin; I suspect that searching out the ultimate tweed jacket is one of his unsung enthusiasms. But it isn't his pleasing appearance that makes editors wave their chequebooks at him; it's his gracefully convoluting prose style, a style that he would no doubt still be the master of even if, heaven forbid, he came to the office in a polyester safari suit.

To get back to that Caldonian girl. She may be younger, prettier, slimmer than her conterparts but I doubt if that's enough to lure the most jaded businessman aboard her aircraft. What he wants is promptness of departure and arrival, edible food and his gin and tonic brought to him fifteen seconds after take-off even if the bearer is a none-too-fetching, wrinkled, middle-aged harpy.

● Computers may be helpful in schools, boardrooms and betting offices, but they should be taken *out of politics. On the parliamentary* scene, all computer technology seems to do is make a drama out of a crisis. The latest example came from filmed reports of the election in El Salvador, which showed tense officials having to wade through reams of print-out to find the names of prospective voters. Reading a computer print-out is the equivalent of listening to an anecdote told by someone with a very bad stutter who repeats some sentences and never gets the end of others. Nearer at home, the last Labour Party Conference nearly had collective heart failure when its computer *refused to divulge the name of* the new leader.

***And a recent issue of The Social Democrat* carries a heart-*rending story to the effect that* the party's software will only fit *a machine* which the party doesn't possess and which is no longer manufactured. Unless one of the now defunct models can be found, whole wads of SDP statistical analysis remains un-analysed. It's time those who pace the corridors of power went back to the low-tech drawing board.**

The Swinfen peerage (Wednesday Page, March 28) is a United Kingdom, not an Irish peerage.









PARIS DIARY

by Frank Johnson

Pompidou's prime time

Georges Pompidou, who in 1969 was elected as the second president of the Fifth Republic on the resignation of De Gaulle, died 10 years ago today.

"The Pompidou years," said the front of last week's *L'Express*, "Those were the good times". "Georges Pompidou," said the front of last week's *Journal du Dimanche* "Orgies!" The British, admirers though we are of the achievements of the Gaullist governments, may not have realized that the times were *that* good. But it turned out, on closer inspection, that the orgies were not available to the average French citizen. You had to be a member of the Pompidou circle in order to qualify, the *Journal* reported. *L'Express*'s reminiscences were of more prosaic Pompidoulian achievements such as economic growth and lots of technology. *L'Express* produced sufficient evidence for its claims. The *Journal* produced none for its.

When I expressed mild surprise at the latter omission, and added the view that Pompidou never seemed on the face of it to be orgy material. A French friend explained that everything was all right because nobody believed it in the first place.

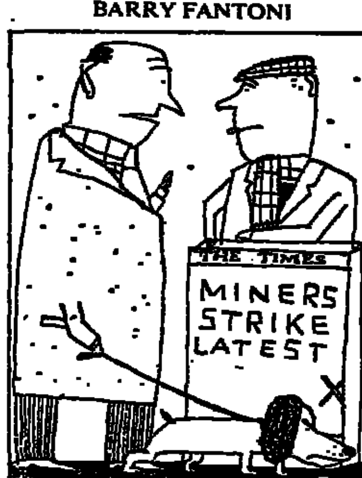
This is confirmed by a large and respectable biography of Pompidou published last week by M Eric Roussel, of *Le Monde*. The book contains a certain amount of new information about the Markovitch affair. That was the one which began in September, 1968, shortly after de Gaulle dismissed Pompidou from the premiership for, according to legend, becoming too popular as a result of ending the strikes and student disturbances of that year. Pompidou shed new light himself posthumously. In a memoir published in 1982, M Roussel goes further.

Markovitch was the murdered bodyguard of the actor M Alain Delon and had, it seems, some connexion with the orgy industry. Rumours started appearing in the prints to the effect that a famous politician was involved. Pompidou discovered that the rumours were about him, learning the fact from a friend whom he chanced upon in the street. Pompidou blamed various Gaullists.

The Prime Minister at the time was M Couve de Murville. Pompidou's new biographer, writes: "As for the role played by the prime minister, it raises a certain number of questions. In effect, it is now clear, not only that Maurice Couve de Murville did not show an excessive zeal in warning Georges Pompidou of what was being plotted against him, but that (some people) acted in influential circles in a way which did not particularly conform to Pompidou's interests." The biographer adds that a diplomatic counsellor from the Prime Minister's office told a number of foreign ambassadors: "Pompidou is finished".

According to the book, Pompidou's widow since these events, has never shaken M Couve's hand. Furthermore, giving his source as "personal archives of the author," the writer adds that in 1969, seated in the Pompidou home in Sologne "under a picture by Utrillo," and after a day's hunting, Pompidou observed of M Couve: "I could kill him with my bare hands." M Couve escaped the late president's bare hands and lives on as a backbench Gaullist deputy for a distinguished part of Paris.

BARRY FANTONI



"Its not serious yet. There are enough police for at least eight weeks"

Rodin's *The Kiss* must have some claim to be the most famous item of sculpture since the Renaissance, so it is with some glee that people in Paris have seized on a theory that it might not have been all his own work. An exhibition is attracting huge crowds at the Rodin Museum to the sculpture of Camille Claudel, the sister of the poet Paul Claudel, and the woman with whom Rodin lived at the turn of the century. In 1913, at the age of 49, she was committed to a mental asylum until her death 30 years later – the papers required to do so being signed by either her mother or her brother (it is unclear). It is suggested that they were scandalized by her way of life which they feared might, among other things, damage Paul Claudel's career as a diplomat (he eventually became ambassador to Washington). Her affair with Rodin coincided with some of Rodin's finest works. Above all, *The Kiss* is now held to bear a resemblance to a work of hers in the exhibition called *Abandon* which, up to a point, it does. As a result, the feminists are rampant. They have produced a play and a book, as if producing masterpieces which their lovers then pass off as their own is the sort of thing which, like the housework, is part of the feminine condition.

Which side will crack first in the miners' dispute? Paul Routledge reports

Unions at the abyss

The unions are back at an unhappily familiar crossroads today. One way lies serious conflict with the new labour laws and a high risk of defeat; the other route offers certain humiliation at the hands of the Government and the National Coal Board.

The railway unions, the seamen and transport workers, by widening the mining industry strike into a dispute over Cabinet policy towards the nationalized industries as a whole, have made clear which road they want to travel: all-out confrontation, with a total blockade of coal and coke throughout the country.

The miners and their allies appear to be forming themselves into a "provisonal" wing of the labour movement, leaving the "official" TUC on the sidelines in a guerrilla struggle with the State. It is a development that privately alarms some top figurs in the TUC general council, one of whom said yesterday: "The trouble is that if Aurthur Scargill wins, it is a victory for the National Union of Mineworkers, if he loses, it is a defeat for all of us. That is something we must be very conscious of."

Relationships between the TUC and the NUM are still strained. The union has formally told Congress House that it does not seek assistance, and last week's bland statement from the general council carefully avoided expressing support for the pitman's secondary picketing. But with 130,000 men on strike and the threat of widespread lay-offs in other industries, the TUC cannot stand aloof for much longer.

One view among the elder statesmen is that Mr Scargill and his 24-man executive should be summoned to meet the TUC's "inner cabinet" for a good talking-to. So far, this approach has not found favour. The TUC is itself divided at present and not in a strong position to give a lead: either to tell the miners to go back, or to issue general advice to the movement not to cross NUM picket lines. That was the most practical help the TUC rendered in the big strikes of the early 1970s, but it is most unlikely to be offered now on – the grounds that it could embroil the TUC in unlawful activity.

The TUC is split because the substantial and irreversible shift in the balance of power on the general council towards the moderates seven months ago has not produced the "new realism" that many expected.



Confrontation at the colliery: a "provisional" wing of the labour movement now wants to widen the protests

In the wake of the Govt's enforced de-unionization at Cheltenham GCHQ, Len Murray, the general secretary, has seen his authority undermined – most obviously by the general council's refusal to end a boycott of the National Economic Development Council. He is by no means the lameduck leader that some of his left-wing critics would wish him to be, but his own weakened postion and the dividend nature of the general council make it less likely that early intervention from this quarter will be successful.

Meanwhile there is a drift of men back to work in Lancashire and the Midlands, and, paradoxically, a drift towards the barricades on the part of unions supporting the strike. It is a mess that pleases few, certainly not Neil Kinnock; the Labour Party leader has let it be known that he would prefer the NUM to sort out its problems to avoid damaging the party's recovery in the poll.

If not the TUC, who will break the deadlock? The studied silence of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, suggests that the view of its former chairman, Jim Mortimer, still holds good: that it is not the job of Acas to try to sort out a miners' strike. The Government seems happy with the stalemate, expecting the whole dispute to collapse its way, and the coal board is evidently pinning its hopes on a gradual return to work in the moderate areas, leading to a national ballot in which the men reject industrial action.

It is a nice calculation, but will it work? An NOP poll in the *Mail on Sunday* suggests that 51 per cent of the men would vote now for a strike, and only 34 per cent would oppose one. On that showing, the militants need to convice only 4 per cent of the uncommitted to pull the 55 per cent majority for all-out strike as required by the NUM rule book. The present crop of political obituaries of Mr Scargill may be premature.

That should not come as a total surprise, unless prejudice has finally triumphed over experience. Most big disputes develop logic of their own, and the coal strike is no exception.

The massive police operation, which nobody could have predicted a month ago, has had an impact on the miners' outlook. Perhaps it has not erased the unpleasant memories of Yorkshire flying pickets, but ironically, as the security cordon proves more successful, the very pervasiveness of the police presence is beginning to displace picketing as the locus of the argument. And that shift plays into the hands of the left.

In Yorkshire, where the strike began, there is also some perplexity on the ground as to where the next step for the rank and file should be. The picketing is becoming less and less effective as the police pick off drivers and threaten them with arrest if they move out of the coalfield. By building up a log of the cars being used, the police are gradually immobilizing the militant miners in their home villages. With the strike going into its fourth week, the colliers are finding this experience frustrating, and there is a risk of more impulsive acts

The situation is volatile; and it is impossible to predict with certainty how it will develop. The miners' national officials are stalling on the moderate coalfields' demand for an emergency executive. In the meantime they must be calculatig that the longer they hold off, the more probable it is that the inevitable national ballot will go their way. Some left-wingers are even thinking beyond that stage to a continuing strike in Yorkshire, Scotland and south Wales and other areas, even if there is an overall "no" vote. That is uncharted country, even for them.

The received wisdom is that the miners will comply with the majority view – whatever it is. After all, it is argued, the areas that voted "no" in the 59 per cent, pro-strike ballot of late 1971 stuck loyally with the union. Why, then, should the left ignore a ballot that goes against it? The question will be answered only by events. It was snowing in Yorkshire yesterday, and the pickets thought their prayers for a return of winter weather had been answered. Longer reflection may remind them that snow in April is more common hereabouts than a Thatcher U-turn.

Ferdinand Mount

Weighing the cost of firm rule

The late lamented Claud Cockburn claimed that there are only two important divisions of the human race". When trouble comes, members of Division X say: "I really think we ought to notify the police". Members of Division Y say: "Whatever happens, for pity's sake let's not get the cops mixed up in this". Cockburn was on to something, even if, like most Marxists, he failed to grasp that the world is divided not into two classes, but into umpteen. And one of the largest classes is their class of having-it-both-ways. In this instance, most of us fall into Division X and Division Y at the same time: we are relieved when the police appear on the scene, but we are also a little uneasy.

This ambiguity is clearly visible in the way the political argument has recently shifted on to fresh ground. The sort of questions now being asked by people who like asking questions are: Is the Government into places where they have no business? Does Mrs Thatcher threaten our civil liberties more than previous prime ministers?

The case of Miss Sarah Tisdall, the police action against the picketing miners, GCHQ, the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, the abolition of the GLC and the Metropolitan counties, rate-capping, the Manpower Services Commission intrusions inot the local education world, Norman Fowler's disciplines on the health service – all this may not add up to the beginning of fascism, the more temperate critics will concede, but it does have "sinister undertones", or possibly "sinister overtones" the difference between the two always being elusive.

Is the complaint true? And if it is, how much do people mind? The average Tory voter might award the Government eight marks out of ten on the above issues; the average Labour voter perhaps four out of ten. The real blood-and-iron authoritarian might give the Government ten marks out of twelve, on the ground that Mrs Thatcher should be biffing the unions much harder and should not have dissented from President Reagan over Grenada.

Only among the liberal intelligentsia, alias the chattering classes, would you be likely to find a belief that the Government not only scores nought out of ten, but also that it should not have attempted any of the questions; picketing should be left to pickets, rates should be left to councillors, education to teachers, the NHS to doctors and the Civil Service to civil servants. The Government's business is to pay the cheques and appoint the quangos. It should keep its hands to itself and its fingernails clean. Some critiques of Government "interference" or "centralisation" come close to regarding HMG as belonging, along with HM, to the dignified rather than the efficient part of the British Constitution, as appointed to reign rather than to rule.

This is a rum view. What do we pay governments for if not, every now and then, to do a spot of governing? Besides, some of the things complained of are neither new intrusions into private or local life, nor specifically Thatcherish: the police actions on the picket line are hallowed by common law and the mention of "peaceful persuasion" in the Liberal Act of 1906; the Coalition Education Act of 1944 and Labour's 1946 National Health Service Act lay on ministers the duty to secure the effective provision of services; the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill is a response – even if hamfisted one – to the report of a Royal Commission.

I do not thrill to the truncheon's thwack; nor would I like to be left out of the mass plunge in the jacuzzi bath of misgiving; there are few nicer sensations than the nuzzling jets of the liberal conscience. The sentence on Sarah Tisdall *was* too harsh for a first offender; the GCHQ imbroglio could have been settled more gracefully; the Kent police did display an excess of zeal in stopping carloads of miners south of the Dartford tunnel; and although much of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill does strengthen suspects' rights, it is a greater evil that policemen should be licensed to search our orifices than that the odd felon should get away with it. I will even concede that Section Two of the Official Secrets Act could have been left as a dead letter until either some government can agree how to replace it, or every permanent secretary has learned how to use the office copying machine himself.

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But in arguing that this or that provision of the law should be left as a dead letter and yet another duty of government should be dodged because it is too difficult, one ought to be uncomfortably mindful of the fact that the statute book is already as full of dead letters as a hollow tree on Hampstead Heath.

Even critics of the present Government, such as Sir Ian Gilmour and Dr David Owen, have in the past diagnosed impotence as the prime weakness of British government. If we accept that there is something in this diagnosis, we do not have to start yelling for the smack of firm government; still less should we be less vigilant than the professional defenders of our civil liberties; indeed, an effective government would enforce several civil liberties which have been long neglected: the right of prisoners on remand to a speedy trial, for example. But we might perhaps be a little less trigger-happy with the charge of "authoritarianism" – and a little more attentive to the merits of the case.

Falklands: beware the mushrooming myths

Two years after the invasion of the Falklands, progress in Anglo-Argentine relations has been painfully slow since Mrs Thatcher sent President Alfonsín remarkably warm greetings on his inauguration in December and he responded with his now-famous "where there is a will, there's a way" message.

The British followed up the exchange – and a flutter of public statements on both sides – with a series of proposals on January 26. President Alfonsín gave a six-point reply in Caracas on February 1. After British protests he sent what seem to have been counter-proposals, rather than a reply, to London on February 17. Reports that there have been disagreements about the British reply within the Government here are hotly denied in Whitehall: Sir Geoffrey Howe told the Commons last week that the Argentine message was being studied and that a British reply would be sent "shortly".

Since both leaders owe their election, at least in part, to their stand over the Falklands War, the issue of Anglo-Argentine relations is ultrasensitive to both. President Alfonsín is vulnerable to attacks from the nationalist right, always ready to accuse him of a sell-out. He cannot accept that Falklands sovereignty should be excluded from the agenda any more than Mrs Thatcher feels that she can formally agree to discuss it. Mrs Thatcher wants to talk about normalizing relations, while maintaining her commitment to the Falkland Islanders; President Alfonsín must reiterate Argentine claims to sovereignty, while wanting to "rebuild" relations.

There have still been no face-to-face contacts between representatives of the two governments; the visa requirement remains in force; Argentine and British airlines do not fly into each other's capitals; and *interventores* still sit in the directors' offices of British companies in Argentina. The state of hostilities still exists formally, although the "exclusion zone" has been renamed the "protection zone". However, since democracy came to Argentina there has been no Argentine incursion – apart from last week's antics by Señor de Stefanis and his friends, who are probably trying to embarrass the Argentine government anyway.

For a time there were rumours of mediation efforts – both the Italian and the Portuguese governments were mentioned – and there have been sporadic attempts at megaphone diplomacy, with occasional statements by both sides. Both governments, however, seem to have agreed to communicate in private and through the "protecting powers". The Argentines talk to Britain through the Brazilians, the British reply through the Swiss. The British ambassador in Berne relays messages to the Swiss Foreign Ministry, whose ambassador in Buenos Aires is instructed to pass them on; the Argentine ambassador in Brasilia passes Argentine communications to the Brazilians, whose embassy here contacts the Foreign Office. There is no room for nuances or atmospherics although the system is working well and has been remarkably leak-free.

If anything, Mrs Thatcher has, at least potentially, more room for manoeuvre. Opinion among the islanders cannot yet contemplate any discussion about sovereignty; but Falkland spokesmen such as Councillor John Cheek have said in interviews that they would have no serious misgivings if London and Buenos Aires were to seek to improve their relations. While Peronist deputies were voicing concern in the Argentine Parliament last month about suspected "secret talks" with Britain, the mood on the Conservative backbenches here was divided.

Though articulate Conservative opinion clearly favours a move out of the stalemate, and would not like to see the Prime Minister branded as "intransigent," media and public opinion also seems ready to shift. President Alfonsín's Caracas statement was greeted by a chorus of editorial approval. In a poll on Independent Television's *Weekend World* in February, 60 per cent of those questioned favoured talks with democratic Argentina, while opinion was more or less evenly divided over sovereignty. The same programme's poll in Argentina revealed that, for the electorate there, the economy and human rights were by far the most important concerns; only 6 per cent considered the "Malvinas" a priority issue.

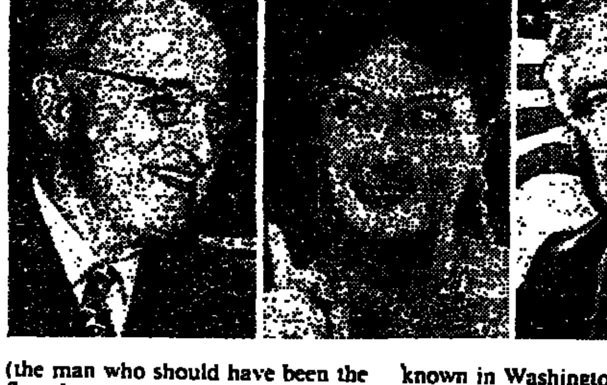
There are some substantial areas of disagreement. Argentines seem irked by what they call British "fortification" of the islands, which they want "dismantled". British ministers disliked the President's idea that talks should be held at the United Nations and doubt the realism of Argentine assumptions that, in effect, the arrival of the new Argentine government means that matters can revert to the pre-1982 or even pre-1977 situation (when the previous Falklands talks got under way).

However for both leaders the forces of inertia are now very enticing, and political myths, in the absence of direct talks, are mushrooming on both sides. The language of cold-war confrontation is increasingly being used in private: the Argentines purport to see sinister Nato motives behind Britain's defence installations, and resent British talk about "confidence-building measures". Argentine inaction can be justified by the belief that the cost of defending the islands will in the end force the British into talks; the British can postpone dealing with President Alfonsín on the wholly spurious grounds that there could be another military coup soon in Buenos Aires. The atmosphere, now getting bitter, could soon become poisonous.

The long-awaited British reply may dissipate the bad odours and start the two countries talking. Relations between Britain and Argentina should be the main concern; they can and should be rich and varied. The alternative is an increasingly disproportionate obsession with abstractions and the development, on both sides, of what Argentine commentators have aptly called the "Malvinization" of foreign policy.

David Stephen

My presidential candidate, 'tis of thee I sing




There's no business like politics: Truman, left, took nightly curtain-calls with Ethel Merman, centre; Roosevelt, right, was made the leading figure of a Broadway musical

British politicians tend to be rather disdainful of the razzamatazz of the American presidential campaign. Labour purists seem to regard showbiz as a capitilist con trick, while Tory knights have never shown any desire to be endorsed by, say, Boy George or Dorothy Squires. In the United States, though, presidential politics and showbusiness are inextricably linked, from celebrity fundraising events to campaign-trail one-liners by Hollywood gag-writers.

Sophisticates may sneer, but supposedly trivial factors can make a difference. For example, Senator Edward Kennedy's 1980 campaign improved greatly after he changed his signature tune from Aaron Copland's "Fanfare For the Common Man" to the theme from *Rocky*. He might have done even better if he had turned to songwriter Sammy Cahn, who, for his brother's campaign song 20 years earlier, had altered the words of "High Hopes" To "K-E-double N-E-D-Y, Jacks the nation's favourite guy".

Campaign themes, unknown in Britain, are an important element of American politics, and the master strategists of the smoke-filled rooms devote long hours to studying the matter. Sometimes they can simply amend an existing song, as with Eisenhower's "I Like Ike" (by Irving Berlin); on other occasions, a theme has to be commissioned: "Nixon's The One", "Franklin D. Roosevelt's Back Again", "Wilson – That's All" or "Teddy, Come Back" (Roosevelt, not Kennedy).

Perhaps the reason Americans accept these things more easily thant the British is that, between elections, the entertainment world has frequently plundered presidential politics for material. Indeed, the connexions between showbiz and the White House stretch back beyond even President Lincoln's encounter with actor John Wilkes Booth.

The first US President had been in his grave only a short time when in December 1799 Thomas Abthorpe Cooper (an Englishman, incidentally) opened in a revue called "Mourn, Washington Is Dead".

Since then, virtually every president has been portrayed on stage. In this century alone, President Wilson featured in "The Ziegfeld Follies of 1919". Coolidge in "The Garrick Gaieties of 1925". Hoover in "As Thousands Cheer" (1933), and in 1950 Truman appeared each night in "Call Me Madam" just to take a curtain-call with Ethel Merman.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, however, leaves his fellow presidents standing. He's the only one ever to have been made the leading figure of a Broadway musical, "I'd Rather Be Right" (1937), in which he was played by the Yankee Doodle Dandy himself, George M. Cohan (the man who should have been the first ham actor to become president). Some people thought that the sight of an actor playing an incumbent president singing and dancing on stage was a monument to American democracy. This could not happen in the Soviet Union, they said. Others thought the Russians had the right idea.

Political satire was fashionable in the 1930s. In "Leave It To Me" (1938), Bella and Sam Spewack sent up another aspect of presidential elections: an ambitious wife contributes money to Roosevelt's campaign funds, and, as a result, her reluctant husband is rewarded by being appointed ambassador to the Soviet Union with, naturally, disastrous consequences.

The satirical trend was started by "Of Thee I Sing" (1931), the first musical to win a Pulitzer prize for drama. The story, by George S. Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind, told of John P. Wintergreen's campaign for the presidency, and, for good measure, took pot shots at most US insitutions: Congress, the Supreme Court and even motherhood. Another target was the anonymity and unimportance of the vice-president. Wintergreen's running mate, Alexander Throttlebottom, is so unknown in Washington that, in order to gain admission to the White House, he has to take a guided tour.

Wintergreen wins the election, thanks to some powerful slogans ("A Vote for Wintergreen Is A Vote for Wintergreen") and a winning campaign song (by the Gershwins):

Wintergreen for President:
Wintergreen for President:
He's the man the people choose;
Loves the Irish and the Jews

Unfortunately, the strategy was not so successful the next time. In the sequel, "Let 'Em Eat Cake" (1933), John P. Wintergreen runs for reelection and is defeated by John P. Tweedledee.

In 1980, President Carter explained that his little girl Amy was very worried about nuclear war, and Ronald Reagan was reported as saying that pollution is caused by trees. Today, perhaps, the US elections defy parody, but "Of Thee I Sing" still stands up. The master stroke of the Wintergreen campaign is a beauty contest with a unique first prize: the winner gets to marry the President and become First Lady. Nobody has yet proposed a similar scheme this year, but these are still early days.

Mark Steyn

Anne Sofer

How the old crowd squeeze democracy

Democracy, ah how we love the word! Barely a day goes by without its appearing in the expostulations of leader-writers, the vox-pop utterances of television surveys, the purpler passages of the speeches or our political leaders.

We are the cradle of it, but, we solemnly pledge, we will never be its grave. The practice of dispensing with elections, denying people the vote, is alien to us: let tin-pot dictators and totalitarian one-party states think they can get away with that sort of thing. Not us. Not here. The British people would not stand for it.

But hang on a minute. A great many of the British people *are* standing for it at this very moment, and some in particular who should know a great deal better, since their livelihood itself depends on the democratic process. I am talking about the great majority of members of the House of Commons, sitting on both Conservative and Labour benches, who are saying nothing about the fact that millions of their fellow countrymen have, in a crucial respect, lost their right to vote. The ballot boxes are being locked away, and the forces of the establishment are not letting the keys out of their grasp, however much ordinary people are being deprived of their democratic rights.

The words "We are being deprived of our democratic rights" are an exact quotation. But they are not – as you may by now be expecting in an article by a member of the Greater London Council – from an outraged Londoner protesting about the 1985 GLC elections being abolished. They are from a Nottinghamshire miner, interviewed on television, bitterly attacking his union executive's failure to have a national ballot on the strike. For we are witnessing not one but two examples of ballots being evaded most undemocratically. And, I repeat, the majority of members of Parliament have kept remarkably quiet about one or other of these infringements, while enjoying a good old polemical shouting match about the other. Their defence of democracy is decidedly partial and opportunistic.

On the GLC issue there is a plausible web of excuses. Government ministers and apologists are soothing and practical: the decision having been made to abolish the body, what can be the sense of spending time and money, hot air and energy, to elect a new council for only a year? In these circumstances (it is implied) isn't common sense more appropriate than high-flown defence of principle?

By contrast, Arthur Scargill's defenders are passionate. Something must be done against the oppressor, they cry, Ian MacGregor's diabolical plans to destroy the coal industry, to close pits one by one, leaving a trail of derelict communities the length and breadth of the land, demand extraordinary counter measures. In these circumstances (it is implied) isn't the defence of jobs more important than constitutional niceties?

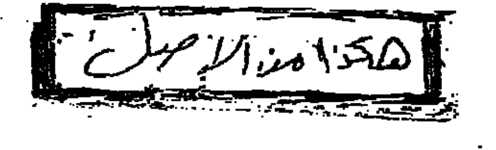
What is depressing is the ease with which both sides fall into line, with barely a twitch of the adam's apple as they swallow what negligible principles they may have. It is a sorry sight: the pork barrel vote trooping through the lobbies, using the long hours of the committee stage of the Rates Bill to deal with their correspondence and looking up from time to time only when their vote is needed to hammer yet another nail into the coffin of local democracy; and the Labour front bench, silent and evasive on the miners' ballot issue, falling back on the old tactic of blaming the police for everything.

Of all the wise words written about the nature of democracy the truest I have read were in a children's book. Peter Dickinson's *The Devil's Children* is the first part of a trilogy about a future Britain in which mysterious revulsion against all forms of modern machinery seizes the entire population: life reverts to the Middle Ages and feudal forms of government reappear. Only a small Sikh community is exempt from the hysteria. "Of course", one of them remarks, "most people prefer to have their thinking done for them. Democracy is not a natural growth, it is a weary responsibility. You have to be sterling fellows . . . to make it work."

The test I am suggesting here for sterling fellows is a depressingly limited one. It is that MPs should condemn in no uncertain terms the evasion or suspension of a ballot wherever it occurs. After all they are supposed to be the professional front-runners at "making it work".

But on this test there are probably no more than 30 sterling fellows in the whole House of Commons. That is less than 5 per cent of the total membership and on any showing it is pathetic. What on earth do they think they're there for?

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NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF

Everyone must be relieved and delighted at the safe return of the Queen and her party from Jordan. In spite of the explosions that preceded her arrival there, it does not appear that she was in fact in any real danger at any time during her stay. The efficiency of the Jordanian security services has been vindicated once again, and so has the confidence in them of British ministers who had to take the difficult decision to advise the Queen to go ahead with the visit.

More than regrettable, of course, is the murder in Athens of a British Council official and a Greek member of his staff. But there is no proven connexion between this and the Queen's visit to Jordan, and even if there were it would not be a good argument against the visit. Whatever the considerations affecting the Queen's travel plans, they cannot include respect for the whims of terrorist groups which may decide to take "revenge" on British representatives anywhere in the world.

Anxiety about the Queen's safety was, quite predictably and to a large extent legitimately, played up by the news media in this country. It also, no doubt, contributed to the nervous and irritable behaviour of some British officials on the trip, who overreacted to what the media were saying and thereby made things worse. But that aspect of the trip should be kept separate from the question of its political significance, which has also been criticized. By referring in a public speech to "the tragedy which has befallen the Palestinian people", and to her host's efforts "to achieve a negotiated settlement of the problems of the Middle East", by laying a wreath at a memorial to Arab soldiers killed fighting against Israel, and by her perhaps unintentionally audible description of a map of Israeli settlements in the West Bank as "depressing", the Queen appeared, to some, to be taking sides in the Arab-Israel dispute.

No criticism, in any case, should attach to her personally for this. She went to Jordan and spoke and acted there on the advice of her British ministers, in her capacity as Queen of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, not as head of the Commonwealth. This was no Christmas broadcast. British ministers are constitutionally responsible for it, and, while it may be true that the Queen personally was very keen to make this visit, ministers and officials would be quite wrong to try to shift any part of the responsibility to her.

Nor can they claim that her remarks do not deserve the attention they attracted, being no more than a very cautious restatement of well-known and long-standing British official views. To put such words in the Queen's mouth gives them a greater solemnity and ensures them a much wider audience – certainly here at home and probably also abroad. If it were not so the monarchy as an institution would hardly be worth having. By sending the Queen to Jordan the Government was making sure that King Husain, his country, the Palestinian problem, his position on that problem, and British support for his position all received much more publicity than they would normally get. If the ministers and officials who planned the visit really did not understand this they are culpably naive.

It is more charitable to suppose that they did understand it and that they decided that these results were desirable. They do not need to be ashamed of their policy towards Jordan or the Palestinians. King Husain is a tried and true friend who deserves British support. He certainly made one disastrous mistake in 1967 when he joined in the Six Day War on Egypt's side, but since then he has repeatedly advocated a peaceful solution of the conflict on the basis of Security Council Resolution 242. His unwillingness to negotiate under the Camp David framework (to which he was not a party) does not mean that he is against negotiations as such, but that he realizes he cannot negotiate on behalf of the Palestinians without the support of a majority among Arab governments and a majority of the Palestinians themselves. British support may not be of more than marginal value in helping him to line up that majority, but it is surely reasonable for the British Government to seek to maximize whatever value it does have; and since there is no significant difference of opinion between the main British political parties on this point, there is no obvious reason why the monarch should not be used to express the British view.

Equally it will be for the Government, not the Queen herself, to decide whether to accept the invitation to Israel which President Herzog may give her over lunch today; and the Government is likely to decide that, while one may fervently hope for circumstances in the future in which such a visit would be desirable, in the present circumstances – that is, while there is an Israeli government that refuses to contemplate withdrawal from the West Bank, the Gaza Strip or the Golan Heights – it would not.

What is desirable, on the other hand, is that the Queen should not be made, through her public reference to the Palestinian tragedy, to appear insensitive to Jewish suffering or Jewish concern. In *The Observer* yesterday it was suggested that "many Israelis will feel that it is only fair that the Queen should visit the Holocaust Museum, at Yad Vashem, in Jerusalem, and talk about 'the tragedy which has befallen the Jewish people'". But she does not need to go to Jerusalem to do that, nor is it the feelings of Israelis that should most immediately concern her. She has Jewish subjects here in Britain and there are plenty of Jewish institutions she could visit. It should not be hard for her advisers to find a suitable occasion, or to find the right remarks for her to make.

TIME TO ACT ON THE LEVY

When the Commons debate the Trade Union Bill today, the leaderships of the Tory and Labour parties will ally themselves to block an amendment that would give every trade unionist the right to refuse to pay the political levy to the Labour Party without going through the formal opting-out procedure that most unions now impose. Mr Tom King and the TUC have reached their private bargain on the levy, and the Government does not mean to jeopardize the agreement by making any further effort to secure the rights of the individual trade unionist. Mr King will endorse in principle an amendment to end the paradoxical practice by which some employers assist unions in collecting the levy even against the expressed wishes of the members concerned – who have to claim the sum back from the union afterwards. But this concession will not affect the central issue of principle, or make any more satisfactory the fundamentally meaningless safeguards which the TUC has fobbed off Mr King with.

The bargain was fundamentally meaningless because it fell into that time-honoured category of bargains between TUC and Government characterized as "solemn and binding", in which the TUC gravely declares its willingness to enjoin certain standards of conduct on member unions, which remain entirely free to take the advice or disregard it. In the narrowest technical terms, there has never been a threat to the basis of principle laid down for the levy in an Act of 1913. Individuals who object to having their money taken for the coffers of parties they oppose have always had at least the right to opt publicly out of the process. But in practice it has often taken considerable moral fortitude to do so, and it has meant risking the hostility of workmates and even effective exclusion from the union's counsels. The proportion of members contributing to the levy has never borne much relation to the proportion who are Labour voters, and varies so waywardly from one union to another that it clearly represents the practice of the union more than the feelings of its members.

Mr King insists that he retains the right to seek statutory powers if he finds that the concordat with the TUC is not improving the lot of members. But the criteria for success or failure and the time-scale within which the movement is to set its house in order, have not been clearly indicated. Without a commitment to act unless the problem has been rectified within, say, two years, the suspicion must linger that once the opportunity presented by this Bill has passed the Government will always find more urgent calls on parliamentary time than the plight of trade unionists suffering under a relatively impalpable and secondary injustice. The time to settle the matter definitively is now.

Of course, a variety of arguments can be found for inaction – there always can. Reopening the question might ruffle TUC feelings and perhaps damage prospects for the current wage round: but other forces will determine that issue in practice. It would lead to calls for equivalent treatment of the political contributions of companies: and so far as the situation really is parallel that should not be shirked. It might promote fundamental changes in the ways political parties find their funds: and to the extent that that might reduce their reliance on support exacted regardless of opinion, that might actually contribute to the health of British politics. The thing needs to be got right, and there will be no better time for getting it right than now.

INTELLIGENCE WITHOUT GLAMOUR

The Defence Intelligence Staff of the Ministry of Defence is the Cinderella of the secret services. If it has an image outside the secret world it is stolid and unglamorous. No John le Carré has chronicled its tradecraft, which has nothing to do with "lamplighters" or "pavement artists". It has everything to do with poring over heavy documents on technology, "R and D" or economics, and constructing an anatomy of the sinews of military power possessed now and ten or twenty years hence by the country's potential enemies. Yet it matters: not least in the provision of economic intelligence which, as *The Times* reports today, is being afforded an increased priority in Whitehall.

It is doubly unfortunate, therefore, that the rare emergence of the DIS into the limelight last week should have been occasioned by a Security Commission report into the case of Lance Corporal Aldridge, a young Intelligence Corps NCO on temporary secondment to the DIS in the busy aftermath of the Falklands conflict in the summer of 1982. The DIS was so short-staffed it had to borrow clerks from the Army and, in this instance, it borrowed an individual willing to sell a Joint Intelligence Committee weekly assessment to the Russians. MI5 uncovered him commendably fast. But the Security Commission found a great deal to criticize in the laxity of DIS procedures, even in the light of an in-house review conducted after the unmasking of Aldridge.

The Prime Minister has sent in MI5 with instructions to make more thorough-going improvements in security. She is right to do so. The authorities are also right, on a wider front, to tighten up positive vetting procedures for members of the secret services as reported in *The Times* last week. The furore aroused by the arrival of the polygraph at the Government Communications Headquarters – it will be used in earnest at Cheltenham from today – has obscured less controversial but important improvements such as the adoption of the "neighbourhood inquiry" technique by officers carrying out positive vetting.

Clearly there is now a need to tighten up security procedures specifically inside the DIS, particularly the keeping and safe destruction of sensitive material. But there are wider issues here too. As the Security Commission showed last week, manpower cuts have stretched the DIS staff not least in the Directorate of Economic and Logistic Intelligence which makes such an important contribution to the Joint Intelligemce Committee's overall assessments for ministers. There is a dispute about just how deep the cuts have been.

From a strength of about 1,100 (precise figures are never given) in the mid-1970s, the Ministry of Defence says a saving of some 13 per cent has been achieved. Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly, a former chief of the DIS, said publicly last November that the cut was more in the order of 35 to 40 per cent. Mr Heseltine's recent report, *MINIS and the Development of the Organisation for Defence*, sheds no light except to say "it would be desirable, under any option, to preserve the separate identity of the Defence Intelligence Staff". Not only security procedures but also the wider aspects of the DIS – its tasks, its role, its manning and morale – should be on the agenda of the Permanent Secretaries' Steering Committee on Intelligence. The permanent secretaries know that the DIS, unlike MI5, MI6 and GCHQ, has not been protected by the Prime Minister's "no cuts in intelligence" edict of 1979. They should ask themselves if economy in the DIS has been pushed too far.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Running before citizenship tide

From Mr David Carter

Sir, Reports in the media that the South African runner, Ms Zola Budd, has high hopes of competing for Great Britain in the forthcoming Olympic Games highlight the plight of the many thousands of both Commonwealth and non-Commonwealth citizens awaiting process of their applications to become UK citizens.

Ms Budd has a number of hurdles to climb before she may compete. First, she must become a UK citizen. Second, she must join a British athletics club (and become a member of the British Amateur Athletic Board and the Amateur Athletic Association). Third, she must take part in the Olympic trials (and presumably do well). Lastly, she must be selected – and all this well before the games, now four months away.

What causes me surprise (and for reasons I go into below, alarm) is the speed with which the Home Office is reported to be able to process Ms Budd's citizenship application, for it is upon this that everything else hinges.

The BBC news on March 26 quoted four weeks. In any event, even if this were to be somewhat over-optimistic, it must be envisaged by Ms Budd and those who advise her that all should be well in hand before the Olympic trials – or why bother?

I, along with my colleagues at this law centre, daily advise and make representations on behalf of clients in connection with citizenship applications. Many are "straightforward", in the sense that there is never any doubt of the client's eligibility for citizenship as of right and yet such applications frequently take a year to process, quite often a good deal longer. I have never known any application to be processed within four weeks: if it were done within six months, it would be cause for celebration.

In a lot of these cases my clients have a pressing need for the expedition of their applications, e.g., the status and rights of entry of dependent children may rely on the application; yet representations to the Home Office are, in the vast majority of cases, ignored.

I should say that in the case of virtually all our clients there are a number of common factors – they are poor, black and from the "New Commonwealth". To them, their status is paramount. Without citizenship they are in limbo, if not *de jure*, certainly *de facto* and certainly in their own perception because they and their families have no security.

It may also be germane to assert that none have ever been lucky enough to have the backing of a British national newspaper and an international sports management agency and none have been aspiring athletes.

To be sure, none have had the prospect of (as reported) several hundreds of thousands of pounds being in the balance, depending upon the success of their applications for citizenship.

I wish Ms Budd no ill-will, but the eyes of the world, and particularly the black world, will be on Britain to observe the way we deal with her. The injustice will lie, not in the swift processing of her application by itself, but in the context of her fellow applicants for citizenship.

It is surely indecent haste to push ahead with her application when there are so many in so much greater need having to wait so long.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CARTER,
North Islington Law Centre,
161 Hornsey Road, N7.
March 27.

Archaeological loss

From Mrs Valerie Fenwick

Sir, Tomorrow a party is being given at 10 Downing Street for the new Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission. Unfortunately Cinderella will not be at this particular ball; nautical archaeology has been left out of the commission's responsibilities. Instead it continues to languish in an unfunded corner of the Department of Transport.

Our maritime heritage came under the aegis, first of Trade and latterly of Transport as a result of the 1973 amendment of the 1894 Merchant Shipping Act. For more than 10 years Lord Runciman has nobly headed a committee, recently truncated, which designates a minute proportion of our historic wreck sites. Meanwhile the rest go unprotected and uninvestigated, at the mercy alike of sports diver and offshore minerals extractor.

More than 90 per cent of artefacts removed from the seabed are not reported to the Receiver of Wreck, as the law requires; the planned abolition of the receivership will further diminish departmental responsibility for them.

The Department of the Environment may have been reluctant to take on nautical archaeology in recent hard and uncertain times. Now it has handed over to the commission both its funds and its expertise in coordinating archaeological matters at a national level in a cost-effective manner. The commission could meet the needs of nautical archaeology with less than 1 per cent of its budget.

Whether in air or water, archaeology is a single discipline. Reflecting this, the Council for Nautical Archaeology is being incorporated within the Council for British Archaeology. A comprehensive commission policy for archaeological material on British territory and in British waters necessitates the inclusion of the nautical component now.

Yours faithfully,
VALERIE FENWICK,
1 The Old Hall,
Highgate Village, N6.
April 1.

A new future for Scott Lithgow

From Professor James Pickett

Sir, I am pleased that, contrary to recent Government intention, Scott Lithgow is to have at least the prospect of a future. I wish the new owners well in their efforts to return the yard to profitability.

I echo strongly, however, your editorial hope (March 29) that the transaction that has reprieved Scott Lithgow will come under the scrutiny of the Public Accounts Committee or some other competent body. I do this notwithstanding the fact that the stated net costs of the deal – £71m – are almost certainly less than the costs of closure, to the extent of some £20m on my reckoning.

Mr Bruce Millan, MP, was right to remind the House of Commons that a renegotiation of the Scott Lithgow-Britoil contract could well have been a cheaper alternative, particularly if the Government had acted in a firm and clear-headed fashion as soon as it became evident that the contract was in serious trouble. As it is, the mere act of waiting for the agreement with Trafalgar House and Howard Doris has cost the taxpayer some £7m.

The Government has acted in confusion and haste. There is no reason to doubt the Secretary of State for Scotland when he claims that he had been warning any who would listen that Scott Lithgow was in serious trouble for at least a year before the Britoil contract was cancelled.

Equally, however, there is no evidence that he or his counterpart at the Department of Trade and Industry had any serious contingency plan to be implemented if – as was likely – the warnings went unheeded.

The recalcitrance of the workforce was taken as adequate reason for foreclosing on a national asset and as adequate excuse for failure to weigh carefully the short and longer-term consequences of alternative courses of action.

In the event of Government has had recourse to ideology and rationalization of its actions. These are poor servants of the taxpayer's interests. They are also a poor basis for industrial policy.

The Scott Lithgow decision offers many lessons for Government-industry relations which, carefully studied, could improve our conduct of industrial affairs. For this reason I would welcome a detailed and objective scrutiny of the origins, content and outcome of the Scott Lithgow crisis.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES PICKETT, Director,
David Livingstone Institute of Overseas Development Studies,
University of Strathclyde,
McCance Building,
16 Richmond Street,
Glasgow.
March 29.

From Sir William Lithgow

Sir, As the company's former vice-chairman, I read your editorial on Scott Lithgow with interest. You refer to British Shipbuilders' designation of the yard four years ago for offshore construction as imaginative. As many in the oil and offshore industry are aware, Scott Lithgow embarked on a programme of development in offshore technology and ocean engineering soon after its formation in 1970.

Our position was established in the fields of deep-water drilling and dynamic positioning with Ben Odeco's first D P drill ship. A second vessel of this type was delivered to another highly successful Norwegian American consortium; two old and valued shipping customers had formed partnerships with drilling experts.

The threat of nationalisation, with a three-year brawl in Parliament and the draconian powers of the Secretary of State to interfere, crippled the orderly development of our business and its transition into twenty-first century markets and technologies. It drove away would-be petroleum engineering partners, who recognised in Scott Lithgow, not only outstanding physical resources, but an excellent technical and production team.

For responsible people involved in Scott Lithgow the last 10 years have been a nightmare. I insisted on leaving in 1978. The final insult was when the whole horrific cost under public stewardship was crudely equated to the numbers employed.

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry later conceded it was an unhappy situation that reflected credit on "none of the parties".

It is significant that both Trafalgar House and Howard Doris were anxious to take over the wreckage of what had so recently been a British success story under private enterprise. I am confident that our community's worldwide reputation for getting on with the job and excellence will soon be restored.

The British economy can only come right with a better appreciation of its engine room by both those on the bridge and those on the promenade deck.

Yours faithfully
WILLIAM LITHGOW,
PO Box 2,
Port Glasgow,
Renfrewshire.
March 29.

State dependence

From Mr A. K. Dand

Sir, In your leader of March 23 you refer to "the lack of progress in this Government's original intention to reduce the role of the state in people's lives". It is ironic that, since 1979, a disturbingly high number of people have become totally dependent on the state through unemployment with a consequent increase in the "appetite" of the DHSS for spending.

May I suggest that if the Government wishes to reduce the share of the nation's resources taken by the state and to reduce its role in people's lives it should do so not by fiscal juggling, whether radical or otherwise, but by positive action to provide worthwhile employment for those unfortunate enough to be dependent at present on the taxes paid by the rest of us?

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW DAND,
6 Cliftonwood Crescent,
Bristol,
Avon.
March 28.

New exam level

From Mr A. V. Wood

Sir, I was astonished at the response to Lord Flowers's letter (March 8) from the Headmaster of Whitgift School (March 14). Can Mr Raeburn really be serious in asking for yet another set of examinations in a structure which is already vastly overburdensome?

Whilst not claiming a "strong academic tradition" such as a selective school can aspire to, we nevertheless send on 25 to 30 students to degree courses each year. At the same time we are trying to provide a full education for a further 200 in each year group. The cost in time, effort and money of examining these pupils at 16, 17 and 18 is entirely out of proportion with the end result.

The summer examinations taken here are not significantly different from any 11-18 school in this country. They include the CSE, GCE O and A levels on two (sometimes three) boards, C E for the one-year sixth pupils, RSA for typists and OA levels for some lower-sixth pupils.

They might also include exams for the City and Guilds Institute. Several of these are then offered again in the autumn. The financial cost of these is well over £10,000, a sum equivalent to a quarter of all the money I am allowed to run this school of 1,200 pupils. Fortunately this bill is paid by the authority.

To welcome yet another set of exams on top of this is irresponsible when the same aims of broadening the curriculum could be achieved by far simpler means. These could be an insistence by heads on a large core of non-examination subjects in the sixth, or the introduction by the examination boards of broader syllabuses in existing subjects with supplementary papers at advanced level.

Yours faithfully,
A. V. WOOD, Headmaster,
Liskeard School,
Luxstowe,
Liskeard,
Cornwall.
March 15.

Wakefield prisoner

From Lord Hylton

Sir, In fairness to the Home Office and to the Prison Governor, I should say that my information is that the prisoner Shane Paul O'Doherty (feature, March 28) now has weekly access to the sacraments, though on arrival at Wakefield he was not allowed to attend the Roman Catholic chapel.

It has also been established, through a parliamentary question, that he is not forbidden to speak to other prisoners, though he is, for the time being, segregated for most of the day, under Rule 43.

I hope that recent publicity and the risk of proceedings in the European Court of Human Rights will help the Government to reconsider its attitude towards prisoners with next-of-kin or young families living in Northern Ireland and now serving sentences in Britain for offences which none can condone.

Yours faithfully,
HYLTON,
House of Lords.
March 29.

Docking of pensions

From Mr N. E. Ablett

Sir, As a fully retired civil servant, may I add the following comments on the suggestion (leading article, March 15) that, until he is fully retired, a civil servant's pension should be docked:

1. The suggestion is generally argued with particular reference to permanent secretaries taking up appointments as company directors on retirement. My recollection is that for every permanent secretary, there are something like 20,000 civil servants in lower grades and I would guess that for every retired permanent secretary in the boardroom there are thousands of his retired juniors supplementing their pensions as part-time gardeners, barmen, supermarket cashiers.

2. The fact that Civil Service pensions are indexed-linked is irrelevant. If it were not, the other 90 per cent of the public sector where index-linking also applies would presumably have to be similarly treated and, for example, the retired general, private, policeman, teacher, doctor, dustman, postman and miner would be liable to have his pension docked.

3. It is similarly irrelevant that the state old-age pension can be docked until age 70. The point fails to distinguish between the Government's role as government and as employer. If there is no distinction, then there should be the equivalent of a government health warning on application forms for recruitment to any form of government service.

I enjoyed my 43 years in the Civil Service (including six years in the Army during the war) and felt honoured to have spent the whole of my working life in the service of the Crown. But the current denigration, and ill-informed and invidious criticism, of the Civil Service would not lead me to recommend any young person to follow in my footsteps.

Yours faithfully,
N. E. ABLETT,
1 Elmhurst Lodge,
Christchurch Park,
Sutton,
Surrey.
March 24.

Youth training cheap at price?

From Mr Ray Hurst

Sir, In your own editorial version of "Question Time" (March 24) you implied that the Youth Training Scheme exists because of restrictive practices, wages councils and rigidities in the labour market, which you suggest "reduce the opportunities for youth employment". It is surprising that you fail to recognise that YTS is primarily intended to improve the foundation of both unemployed and employed young people. Also employment opportunities for young people have diminished significantly in many parts of the economy not subject to wages councils regulations and where trade union representation is minimal.

Young people are experiencing a disproportionate burden resulting from current policies, whatever their causes or objectives. If the Government would release the statistics showing how many unemployed young people aged under 25 are still waiting to enter their first real job since leaving full-time education the extent of this burden would be more widely recognised.

The introduction of the Youth Training Scheme can perhaps be seen as only partially reflecting the Government's recognition of this problem.

You also suggest that the projected cost of the subsidy of the scheme is £1.4bn. However, you ignore that if one has regard to the expenditure which is being saved by not paying supplementary benefit to the 300,000 or so young people in the scheme and to the funding we receive from EEC, the net cost of YTS is much below the figure you quote.

This is a small price to pay by a nation until such time as young people also are afforded a genuine and real opportunity to enter work of their choice.

Yours faithfully,
RAY HURST, Honorary Secretary,
The Institute of Careers Officers,
Careers Office,
Fry Street,
Middlesbrough,
Cleveland.

Papal invitation

From the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

Sir, Clifford Longley (report, March 24) does less than justice to the response of Catholics in England and Wales to the Pope's invitation to join him in an Act of Entrusting to Our Lady.

He thinks we are playing it "in the lowest possible key" and says that we have not invited people to special cathedral services.

I am not the only bishop to have made the Act at a well attended cathedral service; others are doing so during parish services arranged long before the invitation came. I think every bishop has written to the priests about it; many of us have explained it in a pastoral letter read to all the people.

You are correct to mention that we have not asked priests to repeat the Act at Sunday Masses. However, that is not a mark of reluctance; the Act is rather long and we were not asked to do so. Nevertheless, we have sent to parishes a shorter version, which invites everyone to join us in the Act; it is certainly not "a minimal interpretation", as today's Mass on ITV has shown.

British Catholics are always anxious to avoid giving the false impression that devotion to Mary in any way detracts from devotion to Jesus Christ. *The Universe* editorial from which you quote is a reflection of that anxiety rather than a trenchant criticism of what Pope John Paul has done.

Finally, we bishops were neither ordered nor instructed to take part. We each received an invitation which I consider could have been declined without "appearing to challenge the Pope's authority".

Yours sincerely,
HUGH LINDSAY,
Bishop's House,
East Denton Hall,
800 West Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne.
March 25.

The way we live now

From Mr A. J. Campbell

Sir, Can Bernard Levin ("Baying at the moon", March 24) swear, cross his heart and hope to die, that he has never ever used a spot of hyperbole in support of a perfectly legitimate point of view? And, however much he (and I) may disagree with the views and/or the tactics of the Greenham women, can he not concede that a row of bare buttocks is not a meaningful contribution to the dialogue and may even appear to some of our more prudish contemporaries to be lacking in taste?

Yours etc,
JOHN CAMPBELL,
6 Old Lodge Court,
Wellington Square,
Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire.
March 25.

From Mr Victor Epstein

Sir, Without wishing to discuss the merits or otherwise of masons, or, for that matter, of Jews, may I point out to Bernard Levin (March 27) that to be a mason is optional; to be a Jew is not.

Yours faithfully,
VICTOR EPSTEIN,
Guernsey Cottage,
93 South End Road, NW3.
March 27.

Windy side of the law

From Mr Robin H. Phillips

Sir, Your editorial writer (March 28) was singularly appropriate, if possibly inadvertent, in his choice of the expression "a grave blow" in connection with the alleged unreliability of the Intoximeter.

Yours truly,
R. H. PHILLIPS,
4 Exmoor Street, W10.
March 30.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 1: The Prince Andrew, attended by Wing Commander Adam Wise, this morning left Royal Air Force Brize Norton (Station Commander, Group Captain C. E. Gould) in a VC10 aircraft of the Royal Air Force to visit St Helena, on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the Island becoming a Crown Colony, and Ascension Island.

Mr Douglas Cooper was present at the memorial service for Lord Amulree held at St Margaret's, Westminster on March 22.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Hodson will be held in the Temple Church at 4.45 pm on Wednesday, May 2, 1984.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Sir Hedley Atkins will be held at St Clement Danes, Strand, on Wednesday, April 11, at 11.30 am.

Floral Luncheon

The annual Floral Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 9, at the Savoy Hotel, in aid of the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops. The president is Rear-Admiral James Ross and the chairman is the Marchioness of Ailesbury.

Priests find way around Communion ban

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

A Roman Catholic parish priest tells how he once noticed a young woman, presumably recently moved to his Liverpool council estate neighbourhood, who started appearing in church every Sunday with a small child. He was puzzled that she never went forward for Holy Communion.

More or less by chance, in the course of his parish visiting, he found himself invited into her home. She was surprised to see him. She had assumed, it emerged, that he knew on the grapevine that she was divorced and now remarried; and was shunning her for that reason. They talked at length: her first husband had been a drunken brute, a Roman Catholic; her second a decent man, vaguely a Protestant, whom she had married in the register office.

The priest told her two things: that he would submit her case forthwith to the local church marriage tribunal, to see if her first marriage was invalid in the church's eyes; and she should henceforth receive Holy Communion with a good conscience, allowing him to shoulder for her whatever moral burden there was to carry.

She broke down and wept. It was the lifting of a great weight from her. The priest privately tells the story – needless to say none of the facts he revealed were learnt under the seal of the confession – as part of the experience that has made his priesthood worthwhile.

Yet he may well have stepped out of line, according to what seems to be the Roman Catholic Church's present official policy on Holy Communion for those of its members who are divorced and remarried. The Pope does not allow such latitude. "So much the worse for him", the priest remarked.

How typical he is would be difficult to judge, but he is certainly far from alone. Because of the Pope's extreme conservatism on this issue, however, and the continuing English Catholic distaste for airing differences in public, the tension remains below the surface. The bishops give no guidance, or talk obscurely about "trusting the judgment of the parish priest", a phrase which not everyone is equipped to decode.

It is well known that the English bishops were in the forefront in 1980 in trying to relax official policy in Rome – and that they failed. After that, they did not feel they could issue guidance contradicting Pope John II. Nevertheless the general drift towards unofficial relaxation seems to have continued since then, as individual priests have struggled to work it out for themselves.

Roman Catholics are not immune from divorce: the evidence is that it is no less prevalent in that community than any other. But no one really knows how many subsequently remarry without the church's blessing and leave the church; how many do so but deem themselves sacramental untouchables, like the woman in the story; how many find a sympathetic priest who ushers them back to Communion, as she did; or how many find their own way back.

Yet it is probably the biggest single issue facing the Catholic Church in England, far more destructive and far more confused than the contraception issue. What at least is clear is that the rigid discipline still maintained in theory, and still widely believed to be binding without question, has done nothing to hold marriages together, as the statistics show.

At the point of separation and divorce, remarriage is still afar off, consequent problems with the church further still. Indeed it is not the church's policy to regard the act of divorce as itself sinful at all: it is regarded as ending the effects of a marriage in civil law, of no great significance for the church's own jurisdiction.

The new Code of Canon Law, in force since last year, is held by some canonists to be helpful towards the more liberal view; others are not so sure. Canon 912 states: "Any baptised person who is not forbidden may and must be admitted to Holy Communion".

Nothing in the new code appears to forbid a Catholic in an "irregular" marriage, as the phrase goes, from Holy Communion, unless there is consciousness of grave sin. And it is a principle of the interpretation of canon law, as of English law, that a restrictive rule should be interpreted narrowly.

It is also noteworthy that the Catholic Church's most recent public utterances about the situation of remarried divorcees do not impute to them the sin of adultery, but describe them as publicly contradicting the church's teaching on indissolubility.

The case against relaxation, as usually encountered, is that the Pope's judgment is binding in this matter: and that he has good reason for it: the fear being that anything but a hard line will start the church on the slippery slope towards the remarriage of divorcees in church.

But it seems that even many conservative-minded priests find it difficult to tell one individual that he or she must abstain from Communion, regardless of the spiritual consequences, because it serves an ultimate public good.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon J. A. Fellowes and Miss A. M. Birkmyre
The engagement is announced between John Ailwyn, elder son of Lord and Lady De Ramsey, of Abbots Ripton Hall, Huntingdon, and Alison Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Ms Archibald Birkmyre, of Hebron Cottage, West Ilsley, Berkshire.

Lieutenant D. T. Bailey, USN and Miss S. J. Mitchell
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs K. A. Bailey, of Dearborn, Michigan, and Sarah, daughter of Wing-Commander C. C. Mitchell, of Kensington, and Mrs D. Wyckoff, of San Diego, California.

Mr J. C. J. Barrington and Miss B. A. Townshend
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late T. J. M. Barrington and Naomi Barrington, of Bridgwater, Somerset, and Barbara, daughter of Peter and Ruth Townshend, of Cranleigh, Surrey.

Mr P. J. Belsey and Miss T. J. Hepton
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Belsey, of Margate, Kent, and Tansy, daughter of Dr and Mrs C. E. L. Hepton, of Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

Mr N. C. Cox and Miss C. Ng
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Dr and Mrs P. J. N. Cox, of Cheam, Surrey, and Corinna, daughter of Mr Ng Kim Beng and the late Mrs Ng, of Singapore.

Mr J. C. Essington-Boulton and Miss F. Allen
The engagement is announced between James Cline, only son of Mr J. M. Essington-Boulton, of Repulse Bay, Hongkong, and the Hon Mrs C. Essington-Boulton, of Belgrave Crescent, Bath, Avon, and Frances, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs J. H. R. Allen, of Gidea Park, Essex.

Mr M. J. C. Haszlakiewicz and Miss J. St. Clair Roberts
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Mr Janusz Haszlakiewicz and of Mrs Haszlakiewicz, of Nether Drumbain, Dunure, Ayr, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs David St. Clair Roberts, of Beechfield, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

Mr C. S. Jennings and Miss S. R. E. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Major and Mrs T. C. S. Jennings, of Spring Cottage, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, and Siân, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. E. Thomas, of Oak Lodge, Ullingswick, Hereford.

Mr M. J. E. McKeon and Dr S. J. Lloyd
The engagement is announced between Michael James Edward, son of Mr and Mrs J. J. McKeon, of Thornaby, Cleveland, and Susan Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Lloyd, late of Hatfield, Hertfordshire, now of Old Hunstanton, Norfolk.

Dr P. G. Tibbs and Dr C. J. Kennedy-Cooke
The engagement is announced between Philip Graydon, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. M. G. Tibbs, of Lynchmere, Sussex, and Caroline Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Kennedy-Cooke, of South Croydon.

Captain N. V. R. Oak-Rhind, RE and Miss P. A. Braithwaite
The engagement is announced between Nigel Vivian Ralph Oak-Rhind, Royal Engineers, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. L. Oak-Rhind, of Weymouth, Dorset, and Penny Anne, daughter of Mr D. A. Braithwaite, of London and Florida, and Mrs P. A. Bishop, of Poole, Dorset.

Dr D. J. Webb and Dr M. J. Cullen
The engagement is announced between David John, son of Mr and Mrs A. W. O. Webb, of Bromley, Kent, and Margaret Jane, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs A. S. Cullen, of Kelvinside, Glasgow.

Marriages

Mr J. L. Partridge and Miss I. Knowles
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 31, at St Mildreds Church, Canterbury, of Mr John Partridge, son of the late Major O. P. Partridge, and Miss Isola Knowles, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Knowles. Mr G. Howell was best man.

Mr W. L. Rothery and Miss M. J. Seth-Smith
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Simon Zelotes, Chelsea, of Mr William Rothery, son of Mr and Mrs George Rothery, and Miss Jane Seth-Smith, daughter of the late Mr Derek Seth-Smith and Mrs George Smith-Wright. The Rev O. R. Clarke officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Frederick Seth-Smith, was attended by Amy Gwatkin and Robert Wood. Mr Godfrey Grayson was best man.

Latest appointments

The Rev Norman W. Drummond, aged 31, Chaplain of Fettes College, Edinburgh, who is to be headmaster of Loretto School, Scotland, in September in succession to Mr David B. McMurray.

Legal

Mr Mark Myers, QC, and Mr K. A. Machin, QC, to be circuit judges on the South-eastern Circuit.

Birthdays today

Mr C. W. L. Bevan, 64; Sir Jack Brabham, 58; Professor A. C. Dornhorst, 69; Mr Leslie Farrer-Brown, 80; Miss Catherine Gaskin, 55; Major-General Sir Stuart Greeves, 87; Sir Alec Guinness, 70; Sir Ian Hunter, 65; Mr R. A. Huskisson, 61; Miss Penelope Keith, 44; Sir Robert Munro, 77; Sir Hugh Overton, 61; Major-General C. J. Popham, 57; Mr M. G. Rizzello, 58; Sir Denis Rooke, 60; Lord Segal, 82; Mr Denis Tuohy, 47.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAINS: D J Davidge for duty with the Admiralty Interview Bd as a Bd President, April 30; A R Wavish to Staff of Cincnavhome as Chief Staff Offr (Plans), Sept 14.
COMMANDERS: J K Covell to MOD with Nav Sec, Sept 14; J R Hiett to CNOCS, June 22; I M Hime to Lent RAF Linton-on-Ouse as Snr Naval Offr, April 26; M R Morgan to Hermes addl as MEO and in Cmd, Aug 31; A R Peters for two years Exch Service at US Navy War College Rhode Island, Aug 24; R K Pinhey to MOD with DGA(N), Aug 17; P A M Thomas to Vulcan NNPTE, Sept 21.
SURGEON COMMANDER: N Harkness to CTCRM Lympstone as Snr Dental Surgeon, Aug 2.
ROYAL MARINES
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: H W D Leicester for Shape with Operations Division, June 27.
Retirements
REAR-ADMIRAL: E E P Barnard, July 14.
COMMANDERS: C T Brooke, May 26; G R Gibson, May 28; T D Kitson, May 29.

The Army
MAJOR-GENERAL: K Burch to MOD as ACDS(P&L), April 4.
COLONELS: H M C Havergal to RHQ Coldm Gds as Comd, April 2; I G Nason to RMAS as Coll Comd, April 2; R G Southerst to Nairobi as Def Adv, April 2; G E Canchi to UKLF as CO CPO, April 7; K S Robson to HQ DAAC as Col, April 2.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: C J F Ahl, RAPC, to HQ W Dist as Comd Fin, April 2; A C H Bennett LI to RCB as Dep President, April 2; J B Bloxham, ACC to Army Sch of Cat as CO/CI, April 2; T A Coutts-Britton, RRF, to 2 RRF as CO, April 4; R Embley, RAOC, to MOD LE(A) as SO1, April 2; G S Hollands, RA, to 3 RHA as Co, April 2; I McLeod, Para, to Staff Coll as SO1, April 2; A R Murray, RMP, to Hongkong as CO Pro Coy, April 2; D N Neilson, REME, to SEME as CI, April 2; M W Wadham, RAPC, to 2 ATAF as Staff Pmr, April 2; T R Wright, RE, to 21 Engr Regt as CO, April 3; J M V M Cargin, R Irish, to MOD as SO1, April 5; C P B Keeble, Para, to 15 Para as CO, April 2.

RAF
GROUP CAPTAINS: J D Heron to RAF Stanley as Stn Cdr, April 7; L W G Sandford to MOD(AFD) as DD S Pol 8 (RAF), April 2.
WING COMMANDERS (Acting Group Captain): J S Fosh to MOD(AFD) as DMC, April 2; P G Taylor to HQRAFSC as Gp Capt Admin Trng, April 2.
WING COMMANDERS: A W J Foulkes to TESS(RAF) MOD London, April 2; I W P McNeil to OC SS&TW DNBCC Winterbourne Gunner, April 2; J E Brackett to MS2 HQRAFSC, April 2; P G Johnson to MOD CS as Dir of Battle DOC, April 2; C T Moore to CTTO OEG on Staff duties, April 2; C J Rowland to HQRAFSC GT1, April 2; J H Hutton to HQSTC ME(WS)1, April 2; C C Mitchell to MOD(PE) QAD Air Arm Woolwich, April 2.
SQUADRON LEADER (Acting Wing Commander): J D R Arscott to HQ NATS as CIO8, April 6.

Science report

Biochemical test proves maternity

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Over the past few years some elaborate biochemical tests have been established to determine the paternity of a baby. They go farther than a simple comparison of blood groups and include the analyses perfected in tissue-typing work, for matching a potential donor graft to a recipient.

The new tests have now been used in remarkable circumstances to determine beyond doubt the maternity of a baby. The analyses were carried out in connexion with the latest variation in test-tube baby procreation in which a woman of 29 donated an egg to a recipient of 25, who had complained for five years of amenorrhoea (absence of periods) caused by premature failure of the ovaries.

A single egg was implanted and inseminated by spermatazoa from the recipient's husband. At 38 weeks gestation a healthy baby boy was born.

Although the recipient woman had been diagnosed as suffering from a complete failure of the ovaries, she had been undergoing hormone therapy. The tests were to make sure that the pregnancy was the result of the ovum transfer and not normal conception.

The transplant and the maternity tests were done by Dr Brian Tait and Dr Grant Mraz, of the tissue-typing laboratories, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Parkville, Victoria, Australia, and Dr Peter Lutjen and Dr John Leeton, of Monash University's Queen Victoria medical centre at Melbourne, Victoria. The donor, who was infertile because of a blockage of both the fallopian tubes, was a participant in the *in vitro* fertilization programme at Monash University, which has become one of the world's leading centres in test-tube baby work.

The means of deciding who the natural mother was depended on identifying substances that are referred to as human leucocyte antigens (HLA), which we inherit on the surface of all the cells throughout our bodies. They provide a unique biochemical identity for each individual and also trigger off the complex train of events which lead to rejection of poorly matched organs or tissue grafts in transplant work.

The typing excluded the recipient as the biological mother and confirmed that the pregnancy resulted from the transferred embryo, since there were antigens for which the genes were present either in only the donor or in the recipient's husband which were inherited by the baby.

In a letter in the latest *Lancet* the medical team say: "This case is unique from an HLA point of view for two reasons. Since it is the first reported case of a successful embryo transfer it is also the first case of a woman giving birth to a totally HLA-incompatible infant, a fact of interest to feto-maternal immunology, and, secondly, it is to our knowledge the first time that HLA typing has been used to confirm maternity."

Source: *The Lancet*.

Parliament this week

Commons. Today (2.30): Trade Union Bill, completion of report stage.
Tuesday (2.30): Debate on Opposition motion on investment in education. Debate on current negotiations in the EEC.
Wednesday (2.30): London Regional Transport Bill, progress on remaining stages.
Thursday (2.30): London Regional Transport Bill, progress on remaining stages. Private Bill, Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, consideration. Motion for Easter adjournment.
Friday (9.30): Private Members' Bills: Child Abduction Bill, remaining stages. Immigration Offences (Amendment) Bill, second reading.
Select committees: Today: Foreign Affairs. Subject: European Community. Witness: Sir Geoffrey Howe (4.45).
Public Accounts. Subject: Nuclear Power Development. Witnesses: Sir Kenneth Couzens, UK Atomic Energy Authority; Sir Peter Hirsch (4.45).
Tomorrow: Transport. Subject: Organisation, financing and control of airports. Witness: Joint Airports Committee of Local Authorities (4.15).
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration. Subject: Report of the Health Service Commissioner. Witness: DHSS (5).
Wednesday: Defence. Subject: Weapons performance in the Falklands. Witnesses: Defence Manufacturers (10.30).
Trade and Industry. Subject: Trade with Europe. Witness: The British Paper and Board Industry Federation (10.30).
Welsh Affairs. Subject: The impact of regional industrial policy on Wales. Witnesses: Welsh Counties Committee (10.30); Committee of Welsh District Councils (11.30).
Home Affairs. Subject: Remands in Custody. Witnesses: Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Home Office (4.15).
Public Accounts. Subject: Regional assistance to industry. Witnesses: Industry: Sir Brian Hayes, Welsh Office, Sir Trevor Hughes, Scottish Development Department: Dr Gavin McCrone (4.15).
Social Services. Subject: Community care, with reference to adult mentally ill and mentally handicapped. Witness: DHSS (4.15).
Defence. Subject: Weapons performance in the Falklands. Witnesses: Defence Manufacturers (4.30).
Energy. Subject: Energy research, development and demonstration. Witness: Professor Richard Eden (4.30).
Foreign Affairs. Subject: Falklands Islands. Witness: Sir Nicholas Henderson (4.45).
Thursday: Agriculture. Subject: The effect of feedstuff prices on pig and poultry industries. Witness: National Farmers' Union of Scotland, Ulster Farmers' Union (10.45).
Energy. Subject: Energy research, development and demonstration. Witnesses: Chief Scientist and Chief Scientific Adviser, Department of Energy (11).

Lords. Today (2.30): Dangerous Vessels Bill, second reading. Road Traffic (Driving Instruction) Bill, committee. Video Recordings Bill, second reading. Debate on rights of hereditary peers.
Tomorrow (2.30): London Docklands Railway Bill, third reading. Repatriation of Prisoners Bill, report. Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill, second reading. Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No 2) Bill, third reading. Straw and Stubble Burning Prohibition Bill, committee.
Wednesday (2.30): Debate on interest rates. Debate on the protection of areas of outstanding natural beauty.
Thursday (3): Housing and Building Control Bill, third reading. Motions on European constituency orders. Disabled Persons Bill, report. Amusement Machines Bill, third reading. Anatomy Bill, second reading. Debate on a fixed date for Easter.
Select committees. Tomorrow: EEC subcommittee G (Environment). Evidence from Institute of Environmental Health Officers and Association of District Councils on air pollution (10.45).
Wednesday: EEC Subcommittee D (Agriculture, Food and Consumer Affairs). Evidence from the Ministry of Agriculture on the sheepmeat regime (10.50).
EEC Subcommittee C (Education, Employment and Social Affairs). Evidence from the Commission on vocational training for young people (11).
Science and Technology Subcommittee I (Research – Agriculture; Environment). Evidence from Agricultural and Food Research Council (3).

Progress of legislation

Commons. March 26: Trade Union Bill considered on report and adjourned. March 27: Local Authority (Standards of Service) Bill read a first time. Rates Bill considered on report and adjourned. Anglian Water Authority (King's Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill read the third time. March 28: Polygraph Registration and Control Bill read a first time. Rates Bill read the third time by 326 votes to 201. March 29: Derwent Valley Railway Bill read a second time. Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill read the third time by 204 votes to 138. March 30: Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill read a first time. Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill and Agriculture (Amendment) Bill both read the third time. Cycle Tracks Bill read a second time.
Lords. March 26: Housing and Building Control Bill completed the report stage. Video Recordings Bill read a first time. March 27: Tenants' Rights Etc (Scotland) Amendment Bill and Recreational Gardening Bill both passed the committee stage. Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill read the third time and passed. March 28: Metal Society Bill read the third time and passed. County Courts Bill (Consolidation) passed the report stage. Criminal Trespass Bill and Telecommunications Bill both read the third time and passed. Roads (Scotland) Bill passed the report stage. Rent (Scotland) Bill read a first time.

OBITUARY

FATHER KARL RAHNER, SJ
Eminent Roman Catholic theologian

Father Karl Rahner, SJ, who died on March 30 in Innsbruck at the age of 80, was perhaps the most distinguished Roman Catholic theologian of the present century, and one whose influence reached far beyond the boundaries of his own Church. His own approach, which began from the basic conviction that all human experience entails an awareness of the whole of being and therefore, implicitly, of God, he described a Transcendental Theology: it led directly to the hotly-debated notion of "anonymous Christianity", a term which will always be associated with his name.

The Roman Catholic Church had developed, during the 19th century, a strongly authoritarian claim and practice; and in the early years of the twentieth-century, when Rahner was a child, had set out to suppress "Modernism" root and branch, and to prevent, if possible, its recrudescence. Rahner was brought up in a devoutly Catholic German family and must have learnt habits of unbounded, pre-critical docility and obedience. He joined the Society of Jesus as a young man; and its official attitude of unquestioning obedience to the Pope would have done little to change his attitude.

But it happened that Rahner was equipped from birth with an intelligence, a power of assimilating relevant data, and a critical faculty which, in combination, were quite exceptional.

His instinct, exemplified in his early work *Hearers of the World*, was to penetrate to the heart and root of whatever he wished to affirm as true. It is hard to say how early this instinct threatened to conflict with his inherited docility. But it is clear from his own writings (eg. "Reflections on methology in Theology", *Theological Investigations, vol XI*), that two factors were determinative.

First, neo-scholasticism, a philosophy that had come to rank as foundational for Catholic theology, was visibly losing its credibility as exclusively correct: the twentieth-century had seen the publication of a plurality of philosophies which were proof against neo-scholastic criticism (Rahner himself became a great admirer of the "existentialist" Heidegger). Secondly, the Bible documents had become subject to historical criticism and a modern practice of Hermeneutics.

These two factors meant for Rahner that he had to reconsider and reconstruct the foundations of his philosophy and theology, though always within the ambit of a Catholicism from which he never wavered.

The turning point was Vatican II. Inaugurating that Council, John XXIII made the point that the essence of Christian truth was one thing, verbal formulations of it wer another; the latter were, he implied, subject to reintrepretation, if not to alteration. There was, of course, an activity "reactionary" group in the Council; but its ultimate conclusions were strikingly sympathetic to the "new theology" of which Rahner himself was an outstanding exponent.

Rahner's philosophical-theological position is given in summary in his *Foundations of Christian Faith* (1976; English translation, 1978). It can be seen as a vindication of Catholic Christianity in dialogue with the best of modern thought; and it is also a summons to genuine ecumenical theology and action.



Rahner was born on March 5, 1904 at Freiburg in Breisgau where his father was a history teacher, and was the fourth of seven children. On leaving school in 1922 he followed his elder brother Hugo into the noviciate of the Society of Jesus at Feldkirch in Austria.

His early training followed the standard Jesuit pattern, though in his philosohpical studies he displayed an unusually close interest in the work of Kant, especially as it had been interpreted by Joseph Maréchal, SJ. After philosphy he was sent to the school at Feldkirch to teach Latin.

Among his pupils was the future Jesuit Alfred Delp, executed by the Nazis in 1945 on a charge of high treason. Rahner's thoeological studies were undertaken from 1929 to 1933 in Holland, and in the course of them he was ordained to the priesthood. In 1943 he was sent to the University of Freiburg.

The choice of his native city was critical for his intellectual development, for Martin Heidegger ha: been teaching there since 1928. Rahner was obliged to study under Martin Honecker, a neo-scholastic professor of Catholic philosophy, but it was from Heidegger's seminars that Rahner drew most inspiration. He wrote his thesis in a traditional enough topic, Thomas Aquinas's theory of knowledge, but his interpretation of Thomism was such that Honecker refused his support, and the doctorate was never awarded. The study appeared in 1939 as *Geist in Welt*. In place of the philosphy degree Rahner went to Innsbruck where his subject was patristic theories on the birth of the Church from the wound in Christ's side, and it was for this study, which remained unpublished, that he was granted a doctorate in theology in 1939. But by that time he had already been appointed to the staff of the Jesuit faculty at Innsbruck.

Innsbruck was closed during the war, and Rahner went to work at the pastoral institutes in Vienna, though he was able to lecture in a variety of cities both in Austria and Germany. He served on a parish for a time in 1944, and only left it in 1945 to return to teaching, this time in the Jesuit house of studies near Munich. Three years later he was back at Innsbruck. He was appointed Professor of Theology and of the History of Theology in 1949.

He remained at Innsbruck until 1963, when he was offered the chair at Munich which had been created for Romano Guardini. The title of this post, which he formally took up in 1964, was Professor of Christian Weltanschauung and the Philophy of Religion, and it fell within the faculty of philosphy. Rahner did not find the restrictions this imposed upon him to his taste, and in 1967 accepted a professorship of theology at Münster, a post he held until reaching retiring age in 1971.

Unlike some of his, perhaps less distinguished, contemporaries Karl Rahner rarely found himself at odds with ecclesiastical authority over his theological views. Successive popes showed an appreciation of, and an esteem for, his work. John XXIII appointed him to one of the preparatory commissions for the Second Vatican Council.

He was, nevertheless, quite prepared to challenge authority when he felt it necessary. He protested publicly when the German bishops withdrew support from the Church-financed but editorially independent newspaper *Publik*.

Rahner's theolical expertise was allied with a deep personal piety in the Jesuit mould, and he was much in demand as a giver of retreats and of spiritual, as well as more general, conferences. Indeed, many of his articles sprang initially from an invitation to talk about some contemporary problem within the Church, and this gave to his writings an immediacy the work of other theoligans often lacks. This approach, and his attractive personality, drew a large and devoted group of followers. He reciprocated the interest shown in him and supported his former pupils even when, as in the case of Metz, their theological path diverged from his own.

For despite his following, he did not establish a "school", and his own Transcendental Theology may not long survive him. His great achievement, however, was to wean Catholicism gently away from what had become a somewhat arid neo-scholastic orthodoxy.

He worked out his theories in an enormous number of books and, more especially, of articles – the latter being collected, in their English translation, in the twenty volumes of *Theological Investigations*.

With Heinrich Schlier he started the series "Quaestiones Disputatae", writing the first five of them himself, all in the same year. They began with *Inspiration in the Bible*, and this short study, together, perhaps, with *Episcopacy and Primacy*, could be counted among the works which were most influential at the Second Vatican Council.

Though one has to look to commentators on his writings for an exposition of his system, he finally provided a synthesis of his fundamental theology in 1976 with *Grundkurs des Glaubens*, which was translated two years later into English as *Foundations of Christiam Faith*.

MR RENÉ CUTFORTH

René Cutforth, who died yesterday at the age of 75 was one of the last of a vanishing breed of radio correspondents and war reporters who appeared to inhabit a more spacious, more leisured ethos than that which reigns supreme in broadcasting today.

Latterly Cutforth had brought his particular qualities to the television documentary and in a series of often somewhat bibulous forays into Europe in particular, conveyed, still, an impression of unhurried, curious and generally benevolent knight errantry, still capable after all those miles and all those experience-drenched years, of a faintly bemused and perhaps not always relevant tolerance.

But it was as a radio correspondent that he had excelled perhaps above all others, bringing to the airwaves the essentially literary quality of a vanished world that of an essayist of the days before electronic newsgathering. To this task, exemplified in his broadcasts from the battlefields of the Korean War, he brought a craft which, acknowledging the transient nature of the medium, aimed at memorable speech delivered in his inimitable voice, and memorable events, recorded in the voices of those who were experiencing them.



René Cutforth was born in Swadlincote in Derbyshire and went to school at Uppingham. When he left, there followed a variety of jobs and experiences. He did some schoolmastering; he wandered round the Germany of the early Hitler years; he travelled to the India and Burma of the late Raj.

When war broke out he enlisted in the army as he said "because it seemed that was where the reality of war would make its greatest impact". He was to realise that this feeling was wrong and that the total war of 1939-45 visited itself often more starkly on the civilian than on the infantryman.

Cutforth's service in the Sherwood Foresters took him to Abyssinia and Libya but he was captured in the Western Desert in 1942 and spent the rest of the war in imprisonment in Italy and Germany.

After the war the BBC took him on as a subeditor in its news department but feeling rather deeply after a short period that the desk task was not his natural *metier* it despatched him rather as being a misfit at home than as a promotion, to foreign shores as a correspondent.

This happy stroke proved the BBC's and Cutforth salvation. In Korea he became one of radio's most widely known correspondents, and his ear for detail, for the spontaneous remark or outburst of feeling lent his despatches from such desperate scenes as the stand of the Gloucesters at Imjin River such memorable vividness.

He left the BBC soon after but became a freelance correspondent and travel journalist for both radio and television featuring in many series including a radio autobiography two eccentric feature series, *European Journey*, for Granada TV, besides many other travel documentaries and reminiscences.

Forgotten War was his book on the Korean War and *Order to View* an autobiography.

MR JACK HOWARTH

Mr Jack Howarth, MBE, the actor and elder statesman of the Granada Television serial *Coronation Street*, has died in hospital at the age of 88.

Howarth had had a long acting career before joining *Coronation Street* at the serial's inception in 1960, but to millions he will always be remembered as Albert Tatlock the grumpy pensioner, flat-capped and something of a skinflint, with his famous drink-cadging line, "Thanks, I'll have a rum" familiar also to the other habitues of the soap opera's local, the Rovers' Return.

Howarth was born in Rochdale in February 19 1886 and started his long theatrical career at the age of 12, playing children's parts with Churchill's Minstrels at the Happy Valley, Llandudno.

During the First World War he served with the Lancashire Fusiliers and subsequently toured in repertory, forming his own theatrical company. Later he managed a theatre at Colwyn Bay.

His career diversfied into films of which he made 18. With the coming of television he found himself in many roles and made many appearances before the advent of British television's most watched soap opera.

But once the role of Albert Tatlock claimed him, it did so for life, and, though he often grudged the typecasting of this species of fame, he played the cantankerous and generally impecunious pensioner in such a way as to make the character a key personality in the serial.

He was appointed MBE last year.

Howarth was married to the actress Betty Murgatroyd.

Dinner

Old Framlinghamians
Mr R. J. Blythe, President of the Old Framlinghamians, presided at the annual dinner held at the college on Saturday. Mr N. D. Jacob and Mr N. P. T. Osmer also spoke. Mr L. I. Rimmer, Headmaster of Framlingham College, was among those present.

Service dinner

The Royal Hampshire Regiment
The annual dinner of the Royal Hampshire Regiment Territorial Officers' Dinner Club was held at Regimental Headquarters, Serle's House, Winchester, on Saturday.

Exeter College, Oxford

The 1983 Exeter College *Register* was sent out during March to all old members for whom the college has correct addresses. If any old member of the college has not received a copy, the Bursar will send him one and see that his correct address is added to the college's address records.

Felsted School

Felsted School announces the following awards as a result of recent examinations: [illegible]

THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

How to add up the productivity sums

Sometimes it seem there is no good news in economics. Manufacturers are cheerful; the Chancellor appears to face years of pleasurable tax cutting; yet still the problems pile up. Take, for example, the curious tale of British productivity.

For years sluggish productivity topped the list of symptoms of the "British disease". Then came a miracle: manufacturing productivity shot up by more than 5 per cent a year between 1980 and 1983. But now this improvement tops the Jerimiahs' chart, as a reason why Britain's unemployment goes on and on rising.

The upturn in British output began a whole three years ago, in early 1981. Yet, since then, registered unemployment has risen by 800,000. This statistical series appeared to level off in 1983. But the *stockbroking firm Phillips & Drew* has produced a series which allows for the effect of training schemes and the pre-election deletions from official statistics, and this shows only a brief pause last summer.

Up to, say, the middle of last year, there were some easy explanations. The slump was particularly deep, the recovery painfully slow. Employment could be expected to lag far behind. The *upturn* was strongest in the oil industry, which employs relatively few people. In the autumn of 1981, production in the rest of the economy actually fell back again for a while.

By last summer, the labour market was looking brighter. Steering clear of the fog surrounding the dole statistics, the figures for vacancies were a welcome beacon. They *rose* by *an average 8 per cent a* month from July to September. Employment in the service industries was picking up, even though manufacturing jobs were still disappearing. In the half-year to last September, the total number of jobs in the economy as a whole rose about 80,000.

Then unemployment began to rise again, with a surge at the turn of the year. And the number of vacancies began to fall. But even now there are some soothing short-term explanations. During 1983, the labour force was probably swollen by re-entrants – people who had given up looking for work during the previous three years. The fall in the number of vacancies notified to job centres may have come about as places were filled on the Government's community programme for unemployed adults. Incorrect seasonal adjustment is another favourite whipping-boy. During midsummer and midwinter, there are new cohorts of school-leavers; as *some of these find jobs, they displace* older workers, who swell the adjusted adults-only unemployment figure watched by analysts. In support of this theory, the rise in the adjusted total has begun to slow down again, from nearly 30,000 a month in Januarey and February atoonly 11,000 in March.

But there was reason to hope for more than cold comfort this winter. The *recovery has been broadening out*, as the figures have demonstrated for some months. Maybe, we have only to be patient a jttle longer: the new trends survey published today by the Confederation of British Industry shows manufacturers to be more hopeful of expansion by the summer than they have been for eight years. Here, however, we come back to the productivity puzzle.

Until the middle of last year, it was possilbe to be pretty dismissive of the productivity "miracle". It was the response (mainly through closures) to the severe pressures inflicted and self-inflicted, of 1979-81. As the least efficient firms shut up shop, there was an apparent increase in average productivity. Even where these pressures forced change in manning practices, the vice has now been undone. By 1983, productivity was expected to slow down.

Instead, at the end of the year, the Manpower Services Commission noted a new surge. And the CBI today predicts a further rise in manufacturing productivity equal to the average of the past three years: of 5 per cent this year and next.

This is not at all improbable. There is clearly some - goodness knows how much – usable idle capacity; and the improvement in company profits has coincided with a new acceleration in technological change, so the means are there for a re-equipment *boom. And there has been* enough of a change in work practices to yield some of the productivity gains denied to the companies that invested in the 1970s. So the real productivity "miracle" may be only just beginning.

But what will this do to unemployment? *A report published today* by Mr John McGregor, for Capel Cure Myers, draws on the considerable research carried out at Warwick University. He starts by forecasting the labour force: perhaps a million more potential workers by 1990, or as few as 600,000 if more discouraged workers drop out. Warwick employment forecasts for each important industry, based on economic growth of about 2 per cent a *year, suggests only 400,000 more jobs* – and, therefore, a rise in unemployment.

Only a marginally less grim logic can be extracted from the Treasury's official forecasts, enlightened by evidence from the Chancellor and others to the Treasury Select Committee of MPs this past week. His strategy rests on slightly higher growth – 2¼ per cent on average, for the four years after 1984. This is the average for two economies, oil and non-oil. Since North Sea oil production is expected to ebb after this year, the average conceals a rise in non-oil output of 2½ per cent a year.

Now the labour force is expected to grow – say, by ½ per cent a year. So the Chancellor's growth forecast is enough only to dent unemployment if productivity grows by less than 2 per cent a year. *The Treasury appears to be assuming* 1¾ per cent. That may be high by the dreadful standards of the 1970s, but it is well below the 3 per cent recorded for the whole economy over the past year.

But this is to turn cause and effect around. The rate of growth is not God-given, to be divided between employment and productivity regardless of cost. Without productivity there may be no *growth. Even after five years of rising* unemployment, the Government has failed to halt the rise in real wages. So Britain's competitiveness can only be maintained against countries who have halted the rise in labour costs either by further rapid rises in productivity or by a fall in the exchange rate (which those Labour politicians who advocate it should remember is just another way of cutting *real wages*).

If the productivity miracle is sustained, this would mean that British companies are now capable of expanding rapidly without running into inflationary bottlenecks. That is unalloyed good news, and in Keynesian or monetarist language, its consequence is clear. It should mean, not fewer jobs for a fixed rate of growth, but faster growth without inflation – and that is what a government of either economic complexion should aim at.

There is more than a hint, in the Chancellor's Budget decisions, that he does think there has been such a step-change in British potential. Certainly such figures as have appeared since the Budget tend to confirm the view that there is greater risk of an endless dole queue than an upsurge in inflation. It is a narrow gap between Scylla and Charybdis; but productivity can help only to give the economy steerage way.

Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

CU pressed for statement after 28% rise in shares

By Our City Staff

Commercial Union will be *pressed* to issue a statement early this week following a 28 per cent rise in its share price in two days last week and weekend speculation, that the innsurance group is about to sell off its loss-making American arm.

Mr Sandy Marshall, CU's chairman, said yesterday: "I can't rule anything out and I am not prepared to comment on speculation. We *will make a* statement if we feel it is appropriate and if it is felt that a flase market may be created in our shares." The company is due to hold its annual shareholders' meeting in a fortnight's time.

On Thursday and Friday CU's share price jumped from 185p to 236p before settling to 226p. It is estimated that 12 million shares changed hands, and that in the past three months *10* per cent of the company's shares have been registered in new names.

Although CU has just 1.5 per cent share of the overall US market in property and casualty insurance, in 1983 the US *operations paid out 24 per cent* more on claims and expenses than it took in premiums, with the ratio almost doubling to 41 per cent in the last quarter.

Two American groups have been mentioned as possible buyers: American International Group and Aetna Life & Casualty. Sources in the insurance sector suggest they *may* form a joint venture to pay £400m, equal to £1 per CU share, for the American business.

CU's underwriting loses in America over the last 10 years now total more than £660m, £529m of which have been incurred in the last three years. Last year's result – a loss of *£245.4m – was the worst single* year so far, and compares with £198m in 1982.

The US results have been largely responsible for CU's overall underwriting losses rising from £57.3m in 1980 to £314.2m last year. The losses cancelled out CU's investment income and life business profits last year, resulting in the group's first operating loss since 1975.

The company will have to dig into its reserves and retained *profits to the tune of £26.7m in* order to pay the unchanged dividend to shareholders of 11.8p a share which it is proposing.

A demerger of the US operation would leave a highly *rated and expanding life assur*ance business and a profitable UK and Europe non-life activities. Last month the group announced a 1983 pretax profit of £9.3m, down from £21.5m in 1982. Total life funds rose by £230m during the year to £3.28 billion.

Credit data out today

This week is the start of the April reporting cycle for British economic data. Today sees news on credit data for February; the January figure was £965m, slightly below December's record £978m.

The credit figures will reflect **retail trends during February and provisional estimates, published early in March, showed volume sales up from January's 107.7 to 108.9, encouraging but still below the best levels seen in** ***the fourth quarter*** **last** ***year*** **(110).**

Today sees publication of the final figures for retail sales in February. Tomorrow the official reserves for March come out, as well as capital issues and redemptions for March, and February housing starts and completions.

Reserves rose by $210m in ***February to just under*** **$18 billion, while the uderlying improvements was $40m.**

On Wednesday the Department of Energy produce advance energy statistics for February.

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – Interims: TSB Gilt Fund. Finals: Bunzl, Conder Internationl, Molins, Phoenix Assurance, Wood *(Arthur) & Sons (Longport)*.
TOMORROW – Interims: AA Finance, Bruntons (Musselburgh) (second interim) New Court Trust, TSW-Television South West. Finals: Bramner, Chnsties International, Copydex, Hartons, Keep Trust, Pritchard Services, Riley Leisure, Rotaflex.
WEDNESDAY – Interims: A Beckman, London Provincial Shop Centres. Finals: Associated Book Publishers, Astbury & Madeley, Biomechanics International, BR Homhair, Guardian Royal Exchange Association, Higgs and Hill, Laidlaw, Mobeb, Queens Moat Houses, Spirax-Sarco, Sun Alliance and London Insurance.
THURSDAY – Interims: Druck Holdings, LWT Holdings, Photo-Me *International, Renishaw, Walker &* Homer, Thomas Walker. Finals: Associated British Ports, Cookson Group, Glynwed International, GRA *Group (amended), Hickson Inter*national, Molynx, WM Morrison Supermarkets, Owners Abroad, Thomas Robinson, Scottish TV, G W Sparrow, Stanley Miller Holdings, Stewart Wrightson, United States Debenture Corporation, Connelly Wilson.
FRIDAY – Interims: Scottish Metropolitan Property. Finals: Exeter Building and Construction Group, Finlay Packaging, North British Canadian Investment, Yorkshire Chemicals.

STOCK EXCHANGES

Change on week
FT-SE 100 Index: 1112.5 down 8.8
FT Index: 877.0 down 14.5
FT Gilts: 83.19 up 0.07
FT All Share: 524.20 down 3.13
Bargains: 28,420
Datastream USM Leaders
Index: 113.8 up 0.01
New York: Dow Jones Industrial
Average: 1164.89, up 10.05
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index
10,929.17
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index
1014.38 down 147.27
Amsterdam: 170.7

CURRENCIES

Change on week
LONDON
Sterling
$1.4425 up 5 pts
Index 80.1 down 0.3
DM 3.7375 down 0.04
FrF 11.5050 *down* 0.13
Yen 324.0 down 0.5
Dollar
Index 126.3 down 0.9
DM 2.5890 down 0.0345
INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.597645
SDR £0.735286

Institutions set to buy into SE firms

By Philip Robinson

Proposals to allow Britain's top 10 financial institutions to take 2 to 5 per cent of a Stock Exchange firm are being put together by Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank. A number of discussions are at an advanced ***stage and an announcement of*** **the first shareholding group could be made within the next two months.**

Outside **ownership of** ***Stock*** **Exchange firms is a key issue which will shape the future trading of the securities markets as British firms reorganize traditional City boundaries to enable them to compete for international trade against the already experienced and well-capitalized big American battalions.**

Stock ***Exchange firms need*** **big injections of capital to increase their size which, for some, has been guaranteed by allowing merchant banks, British commercial banks, American commercial banks and mining companies to buy a 29.9 per cent stake in them.**

The problem of a firm linking with one or other British ***financial*** **institution has so far been the likelihood of losing all the buying and selling busness from institutions that are not shareholders.**

Lazard says its scheme is dsigned for those firms that do ***not want to*** **sell out 29.9 per cent in one lump but need additional capital and desire to remain independent. Allowing, say 10** ***institutions, to take 3 per cent of*** **one firm would, the bank argues, surmount any problems of loss of business.**

Since last November, Lazard has spoken to about two dozen of the top broking and jobbing houses (*there are still 26 of the* major firms whose plans remain a secret) of which about 10 have wanted to know more.

The proposals have the backing of the Bank of England and are being seen as building a ***strong second-tier of securities*** **housesbacked with British money.**

The Bank has already indicated ***that it wants a frontline of*** **British houses to take on the American companies. S. G. Warburgs, National Westminster, Barclays Bank and Midland now have the basis to develop as significant forces. The current maximum shareholding for a single outside shareholder is 29.9 per cent. Mr Philip Wilkinson, chief executive of** ***National Westminster*** **Bank which plans a link with stockjobbers Bisgood, Bishop, thinks this will rise to** ***49.9*** **per** ***cent by this autumn and*** **to** ***100*** **per cent next year.**

Go-ahead for sale of Scottish airfields

By Jonathan Davis
Financial Correspondent

The Government has told the Civil Aviation Authority to press ahead with plans to sell eight publicly owned aerodromes in remote parts of the Scottish islands and highlands.

All but one of the eight make losses. They are supported by government grants totallin more than £3m a year in recognation of their vital importance as communication links with the rest of Scotland.

The CAA was first asked by *the Government to investigate* the possibility of privatizing the aerodromes a year ago. Afger studying the authority's report for nine months, the Department of Transport has now told the authority to press ahead.

The CAA is not opposed to the sale, but is concerned at the lack of private sector interest in the aerodromes, the smallest of *which* – on the island of Tiree – handles only 4,000 passengers a year.

It is asking the Government to clarify whether it is allowed to offer the aerodromes to local authorities as well.

Initial reaction from the private sector has been "insubstantial", he adds.

An alternative solution being *studied by MPs on* the House of Commons Select Committee on Transport is to combine the CAA's eight Scottish aerodromes with the British Airports Authority's four Scottish airports.

This new grouping could then *be sold off either on its own or* as part of the general privatization planned for the British Airports Authority

The eight CAA aerodromes are at Sumbrugh, Inverness, Benbecula, Kirkwall, Stornoway, *Islay, Tiree, and Wick*. The only one which made a profit last year was Sumbrugh in the Shetlands which acts a base for the oil industry's operations in the North Sea.

Losses at the other seven airfields totalled £2.1m before interest payments, and, the CAA told MPs last month "the aerodromes as a whole are *likely to continue to operate* at a loss". Annual losses ranged from £107,000 at Tiree to £484,000 at Inverness.

Relief over Argentine debt accord

By Our City Staff

The international banking community is breathing a collective sign of relief after the weekend agreement to lend Argentina $400m (£277m) by way of a bridging loan, used immediately to repay long *overdue debt interest*.

Under the agreement, commercial banks provided $100m, Mexico and Venezuela a further $100m each, and Brazil and Colombia $50m each. The United States will replace the $300m put up by Argentina's South American neighbours when the new Argentine government reaches an agreement over economic measures with the International Monetary Fund. Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary, *expects this to happen in a* month.

Mr Regan said that the last-minute agreement had averted a new international debt crisis. "If you want to look over the cliff and see the chasm below, that's the sort of thing that might have happened," he said.

The structure of the agreement will be seen as a face-saving exercise all round. The US has avoided giving aid without economic strings. Argentina has established the power of debtor countries over the banks.

Mexico, which proposed the scheme, and Brazil were anxious to stabilize world debt progress before they retrn to negotiate 1985 loans in a few months' time.

Equipment leasing rates slide

By William Kay
City Editor

Equipment leasing rates have been pared to the bone since the Budget spelled the end of first-year capital allowances. Thje banks, faced with the loss of the best tax shelter they ever had, *have been fighting for every* piece of cover they can find.

"It would be more accurate to say that rates have been butchered", Mr Alan Outten, of Forward Trust, Midland Bank's leasing offshoot, said.

Based on quarterly payments over a five-year period, rates have come down from a pre-Budget £58 per £1,000 of equipment to as low as £52 in some cases.

When it is considered that such leases involve only 20 *repayments, a rate of £50 per* £1,000 would return precisely £1,000 to the lessor by the end of the period, or precisely *breakeven before the tax effect*. But any allowance for risk or notional interest would put rates at these levels into the red, pretax.

There has been particular pressure on the banks to sign deals up before the end of March, so that they could be set against 1983-84 corporation tax. But there will still be a major incentive to pack as many deals as possible into each successive year until April 1986, when the capital allowances are *completely replaced by 25 per cent* annual writing-down allowances.

State backing for CCA

By Ian Griffiths

The Government will press ahead with its policy of encouraging nationalized industries to prepare their financial accounts on a current cost *accounting basis even though* the accounting standard SSAP 16, which sets out the principles of preparation, is to be substantially revised.

The Accounting Standards Committee approved last week a statement of intent to revise SSAP 16, but the new standard will specifically exclude nationalized industries from its scope. Under the revised accounting rules public listed companies will be obliged to disclose information about the impact of inflation on their *results in a note to the accounts* rather than as a separate set of financial statements.

British Gas, the Electricity Council, and the Post Office are among the nationalized industries which prepare their main accounts on the basis of SSAP 16, but its revision will not alter their approach.

NEWS IN BRIEF

£9bn Saudi deficit forecast

Saudi Arabia is estimating a budget deficit of 45.9 billion Saudi Riyals (£9 billion) for the fiscal year starting today.

This compares with a deficit of 35 billion riyals (6.9 billion) in the fiscal year which ended yesterday, exactly in line with last year's forecast, *but* at a substantially lower level of revenues and expenditure than estimated.

The budget estimates revenues for the next fiscal year at 241 billion riyals (£41.9 billion) and spending at 269 *billion* (£50.9 billion) 17 per cent higher than expenditure in the year *just* ended.

● British Airways starts a new life this week as a public limited company. The change from a nationalized industry represents another step on the road towards the airline's provatization next year.

● Pension funds have been given the first indication of a recommended form and content for annual accounts, in an exposure draft published today by the Accounting Standards Committee, *which* also says that pension scheme investments should be included in the accounts at market value.

● Proposals by the Office of Fair Trading to introduce a "General Duty to Trade Fairly" are cumbersome, expensive and likely to cause damaging longer-run economic effects the Institute of Directors says

First Leisure expected at a premium

Strong demand is expected from investors seeking a stake in Lord Delfont's First Leisure Corporation which is seeking a Stock Exchange listing and whose prospectus is out today.

The group is raising £10m after expenses from the issue of six million new shares *at 180p* each. The fresh cash will leave the group virtually ungeared, with asset backing of 156p a share, the ability to raise £20m in loans and a market capitalization at the issue price of £44.1m.

The stock market expects a hefty premium on the shares in initial trading and is also *anticipating* that Lord Delfont may shortly announce a significant deal which could mean the issue of other new shares before long.

Profits have come from £3.6m to £6.3m over the past five years, mainly from the piers and entertainments section headed by Mr James Naylor, and the theatre restaurants, dancing and sports division headed by Mr John Conlan.

AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

Credit boom points to 10% inflation

The furious pace of growth in bank reserves emanating from the Federal Reserve has continued, threatening 8 per cent inflation by late 1984 and 10 per cent during 1985.

Meanwhile, it is apparent that the limiting factor on the present recovery in the US economy is not capacity, no labour but financial capital. With the Federable Government taking 6 per cent of GNP *out of the nation's* savings this year, the US domestic savings rate, after depreciation charges, is close to zero.

The major sources of redit supplies to finance the current expansion have been the Federal Reserve *and* the foreign sector.

But looking ahead, the Federal Reserve must continue to supply large quantities of new reserves during the 1984 election year only to face a need, raised by *escalating* inflation, to call a halt in 1985. And it is already clear that the foreign sector is more and more unwilling to provide capital to the US.

This unwillingness is the net result of foreign concern about rising inflation and in America and domestic American concern about the dollar, leading American money managers to commit more and more domestic American funds to foreign markets.

Mr Robert Sinche, chief economist at Bear Stearns, *commented* last week: "In response to one of the most stimulative monetary expansions on record, private-sector credit usage has risen more rapidly in this recovery than in any recovery in the last 30 years.

"Since its trough in the third quarter of 1982, the rate of credit usage by the household sector has nearly tripled while the strong financial surpluses of the corporate sector have disappeared.

"In fact, the amount of credit used by private, domestic, nonfinalcial sectors of the economy to generate each dollar of nominal GMP has been this high in only 22 of the 120 quarters since 1954.

Instead of reducing credit dependence in the current recovery, the private sector is using as much credit at the end of the first year of expansion as is usually needed in the third year of an inflationary expansion."

Thus, the barrier into which the US is running is not an orthodox one of labour shortages, on physical capacity in factories. The US is not generating sufficient savings to permit a sustained economic expansion. A recovery quickly translates into a very rapid growth of credit usage and then, after an interlude during which the Central Bank attempts to hold down interest rates by excessive reserves creation, into high interest rates and a *ballooning of inflationary ex*pectations.

This is where the US finds itself. The Federal Reserve attempted for many momths in late 1983 and early 1984 to hold *the federal funds rate at 9½ per* cent. This policy had to be abandoned a couple of weeks ago, when, in conjunction with a rise in the prime rate, the federal funds rate was allowed to go above 10 per cent.

The Fed may now attempt to hold the funds rate at around 10 per cent to 10½ per cent. In view of the rapid escalation of credit demand from the private sector and the big reduction that has already taken place in the household sector's net investment position, such constraint on interest rates will only be sustainable by means of continued rapid growth in banks reserves.

While the US Government subsidizes "excess consumption" through the social welfare *system, it is hard to see how the* US will ever be able to achieve sustained economic growth.

FT – ACTUARIES INDICES

INDUSTRIAL GROUP	519.31 (520.91)
500 SHARE INDEX	565.94 (576.93)
*EARNINGS YIELD	9.66 (9.62)
DIVIDEND YIELD	4.24% (4.22%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	12.74 (12.79)
ALL SHARE INDEX	524.20 (524.77)
DIVIDEND YIELD	4.38% (4.38%)

* estimated

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, March 26. Dealings End, April 6. § Contango Day, April 9. Settlement Day, April 16

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

FT STOCK INDICES

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	83.19 (83.12)
FIXED INTEREST	86.75 (86.81)
INDUSTRIAL ORDINARY	877.0 (891.5)
GOLD MINES	734.7 (656.0)
ORDINARY DIVIDEND YIELD	4.36% (4.26%)
EARNINGS YIELD	9.80% (9.48%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	12.28 (12.73)

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
SHORTS					
1100m	Exch 14% 1984	100 11/16	-1/16	13.807	8.653
1250m	Exch 3% 1984	98 23/32	+1/32	3.040	9.182
1050m	Treas 12% 1984	101 1/4	-1/4	11.837	8.900
1000m	Treas 15% 1985	104 13/16	-1/8	14.311	9.171
215m	Exch Cv 12% 1985	102 1/2	..	11.707	9.226
1250m	Treas 3% 1985	94 1/16	+1/8	3.188	8.494
1200m	Treas 11 1/2% 1985	102 1/2	-1/4	11.220	9.370
997m	Treas C 8 3/4% 1985	99 1/4	..	8.827	9.386
1300m	Exch 12 3/4% 1985	103 11/16	-1/16	11.814	9.722
1150m	Exch 11 3/4% 1986	103 1/2	-1/16	11.353	9.659
996m	Treas C 10% 1986	101 1/2	• -1/16	9.852	9.172
700m	Treas 3% 1986	88 3/4	..	3.395	9.138
1100m	Exch C 10 1/2% 1986	101 3/8	-1/16	10.357	9.761
1150m	Treas 12% 1986	103 7/8	..	11.552	9.961
600m	Treas 8 1/2% 1984-86	97 3/8	-1/8	8.730	9.811
500m	Exch 2 1/2% 1986	85 1/4	-1/2	2.933	8.896
1000m	Exch 14% 1986	108 3/4	• ..	12.874	10.080
1250m	Exch 13 3/4% 1987	107 7/16	+1/8	12.333	10.111
1000m	Treas C 10 1/4% 1987	100 9/16	-1/16	10.192	10.000
650m	Exch 2 1/2% 1987	83 3/4	..	2.985	8.994
1550m	Exch 10 1/2% 1987	100 15/16	• +1/16	10.402	10.131
558m	Fund 6 1/2% 1985-87	91 1/4	• ..	7.123	9.871
1100m	Treas 10% 1987	99 3/8	+1/16	10.063	10.212
700m	Treas 3% 1987	82 3/4	+1/8	3.625	9.212
1950m	Treas 12% 1987	104 15/16	•	11.435	10.314
500m	Treas 7 3/4% 1985-88	93 1/4	-1/8	8.313	9.905
1250m	Exch 10 1/2% 1988	100 7/16	+1/8	10.454	10.356
1000m	Treas IL 2% 1988	102 3/4	..	..	4.547
1000m	Treas C 9 3/4% 1988	98 3/8	+1/4	9.911	10.214
1052m	Trans 3% 1978-88	79 5/8	..	3.768	8.858
1800m	Treas 9 1/2% 1988	96 7/8	• +1/4	9.806	10.373
MEDIUMS					
2250m	Treas 11 1/2% 1989	103 15/16	+1/16	11.064	10.434
1100m	Treas 10 1/2% 1989	103	+1/8	10.520	10.537
1150m	Exch 10% 1989	100	+1/8	10.294	10.700
601m	Treas 5% 1986-89	81 1/4	..	6.142	9.382
950m	Treas 13% 1990	112	+1/8	11.907	10.811
300m	Treas IL 2% 1990	88 3/4	..	..	4.446
1000m	Exch 12 1/2% 1990	108	+1/8	11.618	10.737
600m	Treas 8 1/4% 1987-90	92 1/2	..	9.164	10.472
2000m	Treas 11 3/4% 1991	106 1/2	+1/8	11.279	10.855
400m	Fund 5 3/4% 1987-91	79 3/4	• ..	7.207	9.807
1000m	Exch 11% 1991	100 1/8	• +1/8	10.834	10.899
1350m	Treas 12 3/4% 1992	112 1/4	+1/8	11.620	10.859
600m	Treas 10% 1992	98 1/2	+1/8	10.274	10.497
1350m	Exch 12 1/4% 1992	108 1/2	+1/8	11.425	10.912
1757m	Exch 13 1/2% 1992	114	+1/8	11.887	11.077
1100m	Treas 12 1/2% 1993	112	+1/8	11.441	10.885
600m	Fund 6% 1993	76	..	7.927	10.037
1250m	Treas 13 3/4% 1993	121 1/2	+1/4	11.799	10.929
600m	Treas 14 1/2% 1994	123	+1/4	11.915	10.861
1100m	Exch 13 1/2% 1994	114 3/4	• -1/8	11.724	10.980
1550m	Exch 12 1/2% 1994	111 1/8	+1/8	11.303	10.911
900m	Treas 9% 1994	94 1/2	+1/8	9.920	10.463
2100m	Treas 12% 1995	109 1/4	+1/8	11.216	10.879
214m	Gas 3% 1990-95	62 1/2	• ..	4.762	8.180
1100m	Exch 10 1/4% 1995	99 1/4	+1/8	10.559	10.700
1000m	Treas 12 3/4% 1995	117 3/4	+1/8	11.287	10.779
900m	Treas 14% 1996	122 1/4	+1/8	11.680	10.954
750m	Treas 9% 1992-96	91 1/2	+1/8	9.927	10.377
1350m	Treas 15 1/4% 1996	127 7/8	• ..	11.810	10.863
800m	Exch 13 1/4% 1996	122	+1/8	11.333	10.720
1000m	Treas IL 3% 1996	104	+1/2	..	3.756
41m	Rdmptn 3% 1986-96	67 1/4		4.462	6.971
1500m	Treas 13 1/4% 1997	119 1/8	+1/8	11.300	10.733
1600m	Exch 10 1/2% 1997	101	+1/2	10.522	10.527
800m	Treas 8 3/4% 1997	89 1/4	+1/8	9.906	10.372
1000m	Exch 15% 1997	127 1/4	• +1/8	11.651	10.898
1000m	Treas 6 3/4% 1995-98	75	• ..	8.940	10.034
1100m	Treas 15 1/2% 1998	133 3/8	+1/2	11.614	10.858
2500m	Exch 12% 1998	114 1/2	+1/2	10.903	10.626
700m	Treas 9 1/2% 1999	95 1/4	+1/4	10.006	10.285
LONGS					
2900m	Exch 12 1/4% 1999	112 3/8	+1/2	10.927	10.613
800m	Treas 10 1/2% 1999	104 1/8	+1/2	10.451	10.437
980m	Conv 10 1/4% 1999	102 3/8	+1/8	10.392	10.425
1764m	Treas 13% 2000	121 1/4	+1/8	10.869	10.586
1250m	Treas 14% 1998-01	128 3/8	+1/2	11.357	10.756
350m	Treas IL 2 1/2% 2001	94 1/4	+1/2	..	3.509
1550m	Exch 12% 1999-02	113 1/8	+1/8	10.834	10.544
1800m	Treas 13 3/4% 2000-03	126 1/2	+1/8	11.089	10.631
350m	Treas IL 2 1/2% 2003	94 3/4	+1/2	..	3.472
1000m	Treas 11 1/2% 2001-04	110 7/8	+1/8	10.417	10.192
443m	Fund 3 1/2% 1999-04	49 3/4	+1/2	7.145	9.027
2050m	Treas 12 1/2% 2003-05	123 3/8	+1/2	10.501	10.230
1000m	Treas IL 2% 2006	97 3/4	+1/2	..	3.333
600m	Treas 8% 2002-06	84 1/2	• +1/2	9.463	9.700
2700m	Treas 11 3/4% 2003-07	115 3/8	+1/2	10.384	10.176
1250m	Treas 13 1/2% 2004-08	127 1/2	+1/2	10.612	10.264
500m	Treas IL 2 1/2% 2009	94 1/2	+1/2	..	3.310
750m	Treas IL 2 1/2% 2011	88 3/4	+1/2	..	3.250
1000m	Treas 5 1/2% 2008-12	62 7/8	+1/8	8.833	9.290
600m	Treas 7 3/4% 2012-15	84	+1/2	9.388	9.508
1000m	Exch 12% 2013-17	124 1/4	+1/2	9.955	9.846
750m	Treas IL 2 1/2% 2016	90 3/4	+1/2	..	3.176
750m	Treas IL 2 1/2% 2020	88 1/4	• +1/2	..	3.111
360m	Consols 4%	40 1/8	+1/2	10.010	..
1909m	War Ln 3 1/2%	37 1/4	..	9.738	..
174m	Conv 3 1/2%	44	..	8.089	..
56m	Treas 3%	30 1/2	• ..	9.871	..
276m	Consols 2 1/2%	25 1/2	• +1/4	9.751	..
475m	Treas. 2 1/2% Aft 75	25 1/8	+1/8	10.050	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
100m	Aust 13 1/2% 2010	130 5/8	+1/4	11.418	11.341
—	Hungary 4 1/2% 1924	55	..	..	..
—	Japan Ass 4% 1910	300	..	..	..
—	Japan 6% 83-88	84	..	..	..
100m	N Z 14 1/4% 1987	110 5/16	+1/16	12.906	10.401
14m	N Z 7 1/4% 88-92	81 5/8	+1/8	9.078	10.611
12m	N Z 7 1/2% 83-86	95 1/4	+1/8	8.052	11.121
—	Peru 6% Ass	160	..	..	..
20m	S Rhd 2 1/2% 65-70	180	..	..	..
8m	S Rhd 4 1/2% 87-92	120	..	..	..
—	Spanish 4%	38	..	..	..
—	Uruguay 5%	85	..	..	..
9m	Zimbabwe Ann 81-88	330	• -4	..	13.107

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
26m	L C C 3% 1920	26 1/4	+1/4	11.608	..
30m	L C C 5 1/2% 82-84	96 3/4	+5/16	5.568	9.781
25m	L C C 5 1/2% 85-87	88 1/2	..	6.351	10.574
25m	L C C 6 3/4% 88-90	84	+1/4	8.169	10.618
40m	G L C 6 3/4% 90-92	79 1/2	+1/4	8.566	10.802
17m	Ag Mt 7 1/4% 81-84	99 1/4	..	7.812	9.549
20m	Ag Mt 7 1/4% 91-93	80 1/4	+1/4	9.675	11.233
12m	Ag Mt 6 1/2% 85-90	79 1/2	+1/4	8.357	11.249
27m	Met Water B 34-03	37 3/4	+1/4	7.988	10.667
20m	N I 7% 82-84	99 3/4	+1/2	7.015	8.678
10m	Swark 6 3/4% 83-86	92	+1/4	7.334	10.306

DOLLAR STOCKS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
567.4m	Brascan	£31 5/16	+5/16	82.8	3.9	38.9
1,710.9m	Can Pac Ord	£23 7/8	• -1/8	70.2	2.9	7.1
—	Exxon Corp	£26 11/16	+1/2	..	..	..
1,450.8m	Florida Power	£25 3/4	+1/4	238	9.2	8.2
1,220.5m	Fluor	£15 1/2	• +3/8	49.6	3.2	63.0
—	Hollinger	£13 3/4	-3/16	..	..	..
—	Husky Oil	630	+40	..	..	..
962.4m	INCO	£9 7/8	+1/8	12.7	1.3	..
782.7m	IU Int	£15 5/8	-1/4	73.2	4.7	17.1
541.2m	Kaiser Alum	£12 3/4	-1/2	39.3	3.1	..
140.6m	Massey-Ferg	245	..	..	..	..
—	Pan Canadian	£14 1/4	+1/4	..	..	..
—	Steep Rock	243	-9	..	..	..
—	Trans Can P	£8 1/2	-1/8	..	..	..
—	US Steel	£21 1/4	+1/4	..	..	..
334.9m	Zapata Corp	£15 3/4	-5/16	52.2	3.3	8.6

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
29.3m	Alexanders	585	h -18	28.6	4.9	13.1
278.3m	Allied Irish	165	..	9.6	5.8	7.7
29.3m	Ansbacher H	100	+5	5.0	5.0	11.6
904.0m	ANZ Grp	358	+5	17.9	5.0	6.5
2,113.7m	Bankamerica	£14	-1/8	95.5	6.8	9.2
218.1m	Bk of Ireland	333	-2	8.8	2.6	6.5
—	Bk Leumi BM	£10 1/2	..	..	..	..
8,350,000	Bk Leumi UK	190	-10	14.5	7.6	12.0
209.7m	Bk of Scotland	639	-3	35.7	5.6	5.4
1,797.7m	Barclays Bank	527	+18	34.3	6.5	6.2
51.6m	Brown Shipley	430	-5	11.1	2.6	19.5
35.7m	Cater Allen Hldgs	513	+5	39.9	7.8	..
475.8m	Ch Rothschild	125	+2	6.4	5.1	..
1,141.5m	Chase Man	£34 1/2	-1/4	260	7.5	6.8
3,291.6m	Citicorp	£24	•	144	6.0	5.3
12.9m	Clive Discount	56	-1	4.7	8.4	6.7
—	Commerzbank	£47 3/4	-1 1/4	220	4.7	..
89.9m	First Nat Fin	72 1/2	+1/2	..	..	8.0
100.8m	Gerrard & Nat	337	-7	14.3	4.2	7.1
90.6m	Grindlays Hldgs	137	-2	6.3b	4.6	..
105.7m	Guinness Peat	59	-1	..e	..	..
26.0m	Hambros £2	£13	-1/2	75.4	5.8	15.1
128.1m	Do Ord	148	-6	7.5	5.1	13.4
217.5m	Hill Samuel	306	-4	13.3	4.3	10.6
1,715.9m	Hong K & Shang	75	-10	4.8b	6.4	7.9
18.1m	Jessel Toynbee	85	-1	8.0	9.5	..
7,833,000	Joseph L.	298		16.1	5.4	11.7
13.5m	King & Shaxson	150		10.7	7.1	9.2
232.5m	Kleinwort Ben	425	• -10	17.1	4.0	10.7
1,185.1m	Lloyds Bank	609	+32	40.7	6.7	4.3
264.7m	Mercury Secs	608	+38	13.6	2.2	15.2
896.9m	Midland	392	+8	36.4	9.3	6.3
80.0m	Minster Assets	140	+11	6.9	4.9	13.8
731.6m	Nat. Aus Bk	228	-8	19.4	8.5	3.6
1,616.8m	Nat W'minster	679	+25	44.6	6.6	4.1
32.2m	Ottoman	£64 1/2	-1/2	450	7.0	8.6
21.5m	Rea Bros	80	-3	1.8	2.2	25.9
1,933.3m	Royal of Can	£16 3/8	-1/8	103	6.4	5.6
493.4m	Ryl Bk Scot Grp	218	+10	10.6	4.8	7.7
133.4m	Schroders	853	• +10	23.6	2.8	14.3
4,640,000	Seccombe Mar	290		27.1	9.4	10.8
13.8m	Smith St Aubyn	64	-1	5.0	7.8	..
858.3m	Standard Chart	552	-2	39.3	7.1	7.2
75.3m	Union Discount	753	-10	48.6	6.5	12.3
19.8m	Wintrust	235	-5	5.8	2.5	13.3

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
1,147.3m	Allied-Lyons	172	-3	9.0	5.2	12.1
1,137.2m	Bass	350	-13	16.2	4.6	11.5
185.1m	Bell A.	166	-7	6.1	3.7	8.9
62.3m	Boddingtons	84	• -5	3.8	4.5	12.3
119.2m	Bulmer H. P.	230	+5	4.6	2.0	18.0
15.5m	Devenish	424		14.6	3.5	13.6
951.5m	Distillers	262	-5	18.6	7.1	7.0
150.8m	Greenall	141	-4	5.8	4.1	11.7
63.8m	Greene King	154	-8	5.8	3.8	13.8
277.0m	Guinness	157	-4	8.2	5.2	7.9
12.0m	Hardys & H'sons	302		19.3	6.4	11.9
68.8m	Highland	112	..	4.6	4.1	14.7
31.7m	Invergordon	161	-1	5.7	3.5	12.3
86.3m	Irish Distillers	150	-3	7.3	4.9	11.3
43.2m	Marston	56	-3	2.4b	4.4	11.6
320.0m	Scot & Newcastle	113 1/2	-3 1/2	7.0	6.2	12.9
2,216.1m	Seagram	£23 3/4	+5/16	45.1	1.9	15.6
1,110.6m	SA Breweries	423	-15	20.5	4.8	9.2
1,914,000	Tomatin	27	-1	e		
79.9m	Vaux	229	-4	13.0	5.7	10.3
550.7m	Whitbread 'A'	150	-6	8.0	5.3	8.5
24.8m	Do B	150	-7	8.0	5.3	8.5
579.6m	Whitbread Inv	158	-2	7.9	5.0	29.3
82.0m	Wolverhampton	254	-6	9.8	3.9	12.3

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
35.7m	AAH	117	-5	8.3	7.1	8.6
98.4m	AB Electronics	505	r +43	8.6b	1.7	34.4
83.9m	AE PLC	85 1/2	-4 1/2	2.0	2.3	17.1
105.6m	AGB Research	349	-8	10.6	3.0	38.3
[illegible]	AMEC Grp	228	+1	12.9b	5.6	12.2
[illegible]	APV Hldgs	368	-5	15.0	4.1	10.6
15.8m	Aaronson Bros.	57	+3	3.0	5.3	11.8
11.9m	Acrow 'A'	19 1/2		..e	..	..
21.6m	Advance Serv	73	-1	5.1	7.0	11.5
50.9m	Adwest Group	164	-2	8.7	5.3	11.5
10.8m	Aeron't & Gen.	270	-10	6.4	2.4	17.4
—	AKZO	£22 3/4	r ..	93.3	4.1	..
118.0m	Amersham Int	230	-4	6.4	2.8	15.6
23.5m	Anglia TV 'A'	177	+5	10.0	5.6	13.0
800.4m	Anglo Amer Ind	£17 1/2		102	5.8	8.6
6,621,000	Aquascutum 'A'	39 1/2	+1/2	2.9	7.4	79.0
325.8m	Argyll Grp	173	+1	6.4	3.7	19.4
21.8m	Ash & Lacy	525		25.7	4.9	10.0
31.7m	Ass Book	290		10.4	3.6	12.1
724.6m	Ass Brit Food	182		6.9	3.8	8.1
1,179.0m	Ass Dairies	180		3.7	2.0	26.0
16.6m	Ass Fisheries	95		3.6	3.8	8.9
181.3m	Ass News	498	-5	14.9	3.0	23.5
22.4m	Ass Paper	123	-1	6.0b	4.9	10.1
109.2m	Atlantic Comp	455	+25	3.2b	0.7	28.3
12.8m	Attwoods PLC	109	-4	3.8	3.5	22.3
7,289,000	Ault & Wiborg	37	h -1	1.2	3.2	..
621,000	Aurora PLC	20	+3	..	..	8.4
17.5m	Do 9% Cnv Pref	19 1/2	+1/2	1.3	6.6	

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS (continued)

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
18.0m	Ivory & Sime	74	+6			
63.7m	M & G Grp PLC	690	+10	28.6	4.1	17.0
10.1m	Manson Fin	35		1.4	4.1	..
26.1m	Martin R.P	265	• -15	16.1	6.1	8.9
280.5m	Mercantile Hse	417	-12	16.1	3.9	11.2
136.4m	Mills & Allen	320	• -10	18.6	5.8	10.0
13.3m	Smith Bros	96	-3	4.3	4.5	5.1
30.2m	Utd Leasing	225	+6	3.4	1.5	27.1
13.4m	Wagon Fin	57	+2	3.3	5.8	15.4
40.4m	Yule Catto	215	+12	5.0	2.3	18.2

INSURANCE

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
437.9m	Alex & Alex	£14 5/8	+1 1/4	64.9	4.4	..
166.4m	Do 11% Cnv	£60 1/2		722	11.9	..
2,122.9m	Am Gen Corp	£16 1/2	+1 1/4	51.6	3.2	10.2
98.6m	Britannic	475	• +12	31.1	6.6	..
944.6m	Com Union	229	• +38	16.9	7.4	..
154.4m	Equity & Law	769	+57	32.1	4.2	..
828.9m	Gen Accident	493	+8	27.1	5.5	..
932.4m	GRE	583	+35	28.9	4.9	..
501.9m	Hambro Life	415	-4	20.1	4.8	..
117.4m	Heath C E.	376	+5	21.4	5.7	10.2
72.3m	Hogg Robinson	212	+6	9.0	4.2	19.4
733.2m	Legal & Gen	483	+10	26.4	5.5	..
460.6m	Lib Life SA Rl	£33	• -1	118	3.6	..
119.6m	London & Man	460	+12	23.5	5.1	..
23.8m	Ldn Utd Inv	203		15.7	7.7	8.6
1,258.2m	Marsh & McLen	£34	+9/16	125	3.7	15.8
131.6m	Minet Hldgs	171	-1	6.9b	4.0	..
282.2m	Pearl	784	+52	42.9b	5.5	..
287.4m	Phoenix	471	+43	25.4	5.4	..
1,406.4m	Prudential	471	+31	27.1	5.8	..
93.5m	Refuge	448	• -3	10.5	2.3	..
1,134.0m	Royal	601	• +15	40.7	6.8	..
561.9m	Sedgwick Grp	258	• -1	11.4	4.4	13.9
75.6m	Stewart W'son	348	-5	20.4b	5.9	12.7
794.9m	Sun Alliance	£18 1/4	+1	72.1	4.5	..
335.0m	Sun Life	581	+8	20.7	3.6	..
11.7m	Trade Indem'ty	163	-3	10.7	6.6	..
317.8m	Willis Faber	781	+14	30.0	3.8	16.6

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FIXED INTEREST STOCKS

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EUROBONDS

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INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 8 1/2
Finance houses base rate 9 1/2
Discount market loans week fixed 8 3/4
3 month interbank 9 - 8 15/16

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10 7/8 - 10 3/4
3 month DM 5 11/16 - 5 9/16
3 month Fr F14 7/8 - 14 1/2

US rates
Bank prime rate 11.50
Fed funds 10 1/4
Treasury long bond 95 11/16 - 95 3/4

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period February 8, 1984 to March 6, 1984 inclusive: 9.373 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $388.50 pm $388.50
close $388-388.50 (£268-268.50)
New York (close): $387.75
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$399.50-401 (£277-278)
Sovereigns* (new):
$91.50-92.50 (£63.50-64.25)
*Excludes VAT

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
5,950,000	Yorkgreen Inv	34	+3	2.0b	5.9	12.9
680,000	York Mount	68	+1	7.1	10.5	7.2
4,551,000	Zygal Dynamics	123	-5	1.1a	0.9	10.2

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE GILT-EDGED MARKET

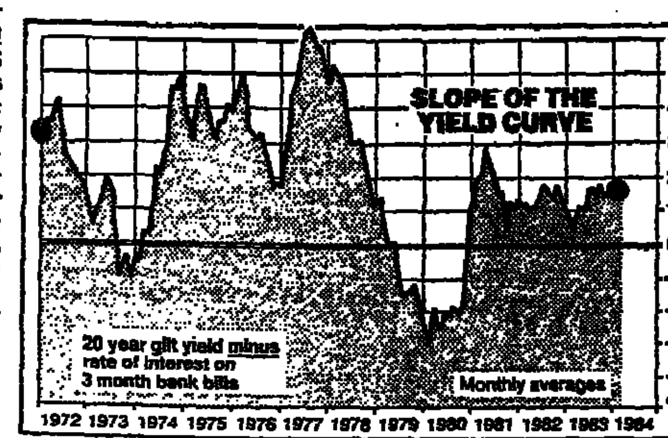
Interest rates holding firm... for the moment

Michael Hughes

One of the current underlying strengths of the gilt-edged market is that few participants expect any domestic shocks to rock the boat. Their major concerns centre on external developments such as rising US interest rates, the implications of increased tensions in the Middle East and the liquidity crisis which still haunts the world's banking system. There are, however, two domestic issues which are beginning to be viewed warily. The first is accelerating wage inflation. The second is whether British monetary policy has been over-relaxed.

I reviewed the first threat in an article in this column four weeks ago. The conclusion then was that any acceleration in wage inflation, indeed inflation generally, will be relatively modest this year. If there are to be inflation problems they seem more likely to be in 1985 not this year. The Budget and events of recent weeks do not provide any reason to alter this conclusion..

The other area of concern, which has been the subject of much post-Budget discussion, centres on domestic monetary policy. Has it been over-relaxed? Will the next change in policy be to raise interest rates rather than reduce them further? For some the source of this concern is the simple extrapolation that "short-term interest rates usually begin to rise at this stage of the economic cycle". Others expect an acceleration in company and personal borrowings; the former stimulated by an acceleration of capital spending, the latter by further increases in real incomes. The implied increase in the demand for credit relative to the supply of savings would be expected to put upward pressures on interest rates.



Credit demand pressure

Our view is that credit demands in total are not yet threatening to put upward pressures on interest rates. They could do later in the year if corporate demands for external finance gather momentum. But even then the risks do not appear to be great. The corporate sector's cash surplus is still very large. True, the Budget will encourage capital spending to be brought forward and this will reduce this cash surplus perhaps rapidly. But it is equally likely that stock/output ratios will be reduced. They are already very high and the abolition of stock appreciation relief will provide a ceiling to any stockbuilding. The relatively low level of industrial disputes also reduces the need for any strategic stockpiling in contrast to the 1970s. The net increase in company borrowings from the banking system this year should therefore be modest by comparison with earlier cycles.

The greater threat, as we see it, is that the market will perceive British monetary policy as being at or near the limits of relaxation which are consistent with a low inflation environment. Once markets fear that policy has been over-relaxed they will begin to discount the inevitable tightening. Gilt yields then rise to reflect the expected increases in interest rates.

How can we assess whether monetary policy has been over-relaxed? Reference to the existing money supply or interest rate data is an unsatisfactory solution. A substantial degree of financial innovation is distorting the money supply by making it much more sensitive to interest rate changes. The level of nominal interest rates, on the other hand, is also a very loose guide because it does not take into account expectations of future inflation and the effects of taxation. Index-linked stocks do facilitate a measure of long-term inflationary expectations but they do not provide a view of the anticipated inflation rate over the short-term. Consequently, it is extremely difficult to measure real short-term interest rates.

Monetary policy evidence

One alternative measure of monetary policy which gets around these problems is the interest rate yield curve measured by the difference between 20-year gilt yields and three-month interest rates. This provides a useful measure of the relative tightness or otherwise of monetary policy. When short-term interest rates rise significantly above the long-term bond yield, money can be said to be tight. At such a level the cost of money is well above the long-run expected rate of inflation as embodied in the bond yield. If such an inverted yield is sustained it will eventually be realized that increased interest costs cannot necessarily be passed on in the future. Cost-cutting programmes emerge and demand weakens. The effects of a tight monetary policy begin to come through via-reduced demand. In turn, inflationary pressures are also reduced.

Balance of payments

The problem with a relaxed monetary policy as reflected in easy credit conditions and a positive yield curve, is that it facilitates increases in inflationary demands. When demand expands beyond a certain point it becomes reflected in price changes or a balance of payments deterioration and not in a real increase in output. The balance of payments trend and/or changes in the exchange rate therefore provide useful cross checks to this method of assessing monetary policy.

Two other points should be noted. First, this long minus short yield difference tends to lead money supply developments. Thus, an increase in long rates relative to short rates usually signals an increase in the demand for money in the near future. Second, this way of defining monetary policy probably overstates the degree of tight money since short rates really need to rise substantially above long rates before money can really be said to be tight.

The current evidence suggests monetary policy is slack, not tight. The accompanying graph plots the recent history of this short/long-term interest rate comparison. It highlights the very tough monetary stand taken in the Tories' first year of office, 1979-80. Subsequently, policy has been progressively eased, the one exception being the first half of the fiscal year 1982-83. This tightening was quickly reversed. A continuous easing of monetary policy began at the end of 1982.

As the graph clearly demonstrates, the degree of slackness is still modest by comparison with the average for the 1970s. It is not even out of line with the average for years. But the recent weakening in sterling's trade-weighted index and the overall balance of payments trend both acting as crosscheck indicators warn us that we may be nearing the limits of any safe relaxation. The strong performance of the stock market and the relatively high increases in house and land prices provide similar warnings.

Moreover, taking up an earlier point, the relaxation in policy to date signals an acceleration in money demand before the year is out; for the interest rate yield curve leads changes in the rate of growth of money demand.

This evidence, however, only provides an initial warning for the gilt market. The degree of policy relaxation is not yet so substantial that we can expect gilt yields to break out of their flat trading range which has characterized the last 18 months. At worst this evidence strengthens the 10 per cent yield barrier, but even this could be temporary, depending on how events unfold overseas later this year.

Combination of stability

For the moment stability seems to be the order of the day on the domestic scene. It is more than 20 years since Britian experienced the combination of modest acceleration in output growth coincident with a modest acceleration in inflation. Economic forecasters who competed in the 1970s to identify the next economic extreme Britain was heading for, now enjoy a more peaceful existence. The gilt market is reflecting this stability. The risks of domestic shocks, be they wage inflation or the effects of an over-relaxed monetary policy, do not yet appear to be significant.

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USM REVIEW

Shopfitter and meat group add to diversify

The steady flow of companies to the Unlisted Securities Market shows no sign of diminishing, with two due to make their debut today.

Havelock Europa and Meadow Farm Produce are located in such diverse fields as shopfitting and meat wholesaling. Their arrival will lift the number of USM-traded companies to 230 compared with the 12 recruited for the market's launch in November 1980.

Samuel Montagu the merchant bank, has placed 2,675,000 shares of Havelock Europa at 75p a share. Capel-Cure Myers, the stockbroker, is behind the Meadow Farm launch. It has placed 1,540,000 shares at 130p each

Havelock is an interesting spin-off from Mackays Stores, a privately owned fashion shops chain from north of the border. After the placing Mackays retains 49 per cent of the shopfitting business and says it has no intention of selling its shareholding. However, the presence of such a large shareholder must encourage takeover speculation. After all, Mackays has sold 51 per cent of Havelock; why not the rest of the capital if the price is rewarding?

Samuel Montagu is placing 45 per cent of the equity. Directors account for the remaining 6 per cent.

The USM price table is on facing page

The shopfitting business is a prime example of an offspring outgrowing its corporate parent. Havelock was started in 1972 as a division of Mackays by two of its present directors, Mr Barry Ward (managing), and Mr Alan Latham (commercial).

Initially Mackays represented all its work. Two years later the company took on shopfitting for other retail chains. Today its customers include House of Fraser; Dixons, British Shoe Corporation and W. H. Smith.

Mackays, which has around 140 shops and is busy upgrading its branches from price-conscious outlets to more relaxed family fashion stores, will collect £1.6m from the share sale.

Havelock expects to make pretax profits of at least £450,000 in the year ending mid-April. This would compare with £335,000 in the previous year. On the forecast tax charge the shares were placed at 17.7 times prospective earnings.

Meadow Farm has grown fat on the spread of pub steak bars. It was once a small chain of butcher's shops run by the present managing director, Mr Ron Randall. He started supplying meat to catering outlets, and eight years ago decided that wholesaling meat offered better rewards than retailing. The shops were sold and Mr Randall moved inot a leased factory at Milton Keynes.

Mr Randall, aged 36, and other directors have sold 1,040,00 shares. The rest were new shares. All told, 34 per cent of the company was placed.

Meadow Farm has made remarkable progress but some investors may worry about its high degree of exposure to just a handful of customers.

The company's projects have grown dramatically in the past year. In the year to last April the pretax figure was £282,000: for the year ended on Friday a £625,000 profit is forecast.

At 130p Meadow Farm shares have been placed at 10.5 times earnings.

ORDINARY SHARES

Where to sink your funds in the N Sea

Carol Ferguson

The North Sea oil industry has produced an enormous expansion in the number of quoted oil companies. Compared with 35 companies 10 years ago, there are now nearly 130 ranging from leading international oil companies like BP and Shell with world-wide production, refineries and sales outlets, to the small North Sea Exploration companies.

Many of these companies started with nothing but a few North Sea blocks and the faith and funds of the founding shareholders. By making acquisitions and finding oil, a number of them now find themselves with most of the ingredients necessary to make them viable in their own right – namely acreage, oil reserves, production, cash flow and staff.

However, they are still small enough to be transformed by the results of a single well. How does the investor choose from the plethora of shares available those which will make money for him?

One useful starting point is to look at the asset values of a group of companies and compare these with the price. In the accompanying table we have used a consistent method to arrive at the asset values to enable comparisons to be made. To calculate the asset value, we estimate the future cashflows from its oil discoveries and discount these to give a present value of oil in the ground.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ASSET VALUES

Company	Price (p)	Asset value range (p/share)	Premium/ (Discount) to Asset value %
Carless	220	138-187	59-18
Charterhall	76	49-62	55-23
Charterhouse	142	87-125	63-14
Clyde	136	84-95	62-43
Floyd	91	43-67	112-36
Goal	116	67-73	73-59
Premier	54	42-46	30-18
Saxon	295	231-279	29-6
Sovereign	289	248-343	17-(14)

Subjective judgment

These are not in any sense to be regarded as absolute values, that is to say what the company is "worth". We have not, for example included acreage for the very good reason that the valuation of acreage has an element of subjective judgment associated with it – what may look a good prospect to one group may be of no interest to another. Claerly, the more good acreage a company has the better.

But it is impossible, except in the broadest sense, to judge the worth of undrilled acreage. If there is oil there in commercial quantities it can be worth a lot in relation to the size of these companies. If there is no oil, or gas, then it is worth nothing. In comparing the asset value with the price, two observations can be made immediately – in every case the share price is at a premium to assets, and some shares stand at a larger premium than others.

It may be argued from the first observation that these shares are all too expensive. This is not necessarily so, especially as the asset values are only one component in the price.

There are many reasons why share prices in general could be above the asset value, since there are advantages in owning shares compared with having a direct interest in the underlying assets. In particular, shares are much more readily marketable. In addition, the liability of the shareholder is limited to the value of the shares. The owner of the asset could be involved in theoretically unlimited expenditure on developments.

Finally, the shareholder can diversify his risk effortlessly by owning several different shares. It has often proved difficult for some small companies to obtain a good spread of interests.

Lack of money

These arguments help to explain why the exploration companies' share prices may in general be above asset values. What it does not explain is why some are at relatively greater premiums than others. Our view is that there is good value to be had among these companies, but it is essential to choose companies which are (a) financially strong, (b) have good management and (c) have an active drilling programme.

Until recently, most of the small companies have been hampered by a lack of money. They had no income other than what they could raise from their shareholders. By buying production, all but one of the companies in the table have provided themselves with a regular income and have gone a long way towards securing their futures financially. None of them will need to approach the shareholders for funds in the foreseeable future unless they make acquisitions. The company without production, Floyd, has sufficient cash resources to see it through 1984.

Management can be judged only by its record, and many of these companies have now been in existence long enough for a judgment to be made about the success or failure of the management.

Growth of the asset base is one measure of management's success. This can be achieved by being a partner in a group which makes an oil discovery such as LASMO, Tricentrol or Saxon.

For these companies, when luck has played a significant role, the management's job is only just beginning. It has to find the means to pay for what is likely to be a very expensive development in relation to the resources of the company.

The management must also develop a strategy to use the profits from its first development of fund future growth. Oil is, after all, a wasting asset and the reserves muct be replaced to prevent earnings from declining after a few years. It is not necessary to find oil to be a successful oil company. Many companies such as Charterhouse and Clyde have grown by acquisitions.

Short-term influence

Although we have not included exploration acreage in our asset values, this is, together with drilling plans, an important determinant of the share price. Companies with active drilling programmes will attract the interest of shareholders and prices can move dramatically, up or down on the basis of well results.

Drilling activity is likely to be a short term influence on the share price. Many of these companies have such small market capitalizations that a small percentage interest in a small find can make a big difference to them. Similarly, a dry hole can leave a big gap in their meagre resources. Another short-term influence will be merger activity. From time to time these shares are subject to bid speculation. Generally speaking, small quoted oil companies tend to look expensive to predators and they can often buy assets more cheaply by acquiring them direct.

In the last analysis, the serious investor is backing management. The risks in the oil business, and especially among the smaller exploration stocks are enormous, but so are the rewards. Good fortune in finding oil is not essential, although it certainly helps. But good management, by creating opportunites, will create its own good fortune and in so doing will make money for the shareholders.

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Nat Westminster	8½%
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APPOINTMENTS

Secretary at House of Fraser

House of Fraser: Mr D. K. Milligan has retired as company secretary but he will remain a director in a non-executive capacity. Mr B. S. Hodge becomes the new company secretary. Mr L. F. Drewitt has been appointed joint managing director of Harrods. Mr A. Clark has been made assistant managing director of Harrods. Mr P. Husum and Mr P. Martin have joined the board of A.C. Illum A/S in Copenhagen. Mr B. J. Gladwin has been appointed controller of management services throughout the House of Fraser Group.

Royds Advertising Group: Mr Bill Bowman has succeeded Mr Nicholas Royds as chairman.

Arthur Guinness and Sons: Mr David J. H. Slater becomes director of corporate development from July 1.

Standard Chartered Bank: Mr Stuart S. Tarrant has been appointed as an executive director.

Costain Group: Mr Gordon R. Haworth has joined the board.

Barclays Merchant Bank: Mr Michael Peterson, at present the director in charge of the corporate services division, has been made head of the merchant banking division of Barclays Bank International in New York from June 30 to succeed Mr Nicholas Selbie, who has been appointed director in charge of the corporate services division of Barclays Merchant Bank from the same date. Mr Neil Harland, assistant director, has been appointed an executive director of Barclays Merchant Bank. Mr Joe McCann, at present attacked to Barclays Bank Group central advances department and formerly managing director of Bermuda Provident Bank, has been appointed an executive director of Barclays Merchant Bank. Mr John Neilson, formerly a vice-president of American Express International Banking Corporation, and an executive director of Amex Bank, has also been made an executive director.

Association of Consortium Banks: Mr Garrett F Bouton, managing director of Scandinavian Bank, has been elected chairman.

Beecham Group: Mr J. F. B. Hunter, Dr K. R. L. Mansford and Mr V. J. Steel have joined the board.

The Institution of Mechanical and General Technician Engineers: Sir Monty Finniston has become president.

British Railways Board: Mr David Williams, deputy international director, has been made director of international marketing and director, Channel Tunnel, from June 1 on the retirement of the present director, Mr P. A. Keen.

FOOTBALL: LIVERPOOL BACK AT TOP OF LEAGUE AFTER MANCHESTER UNITED FALTER

Watford learn that there is no substitute for quality

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Watford 0
Liverpool 2

Joe Fagan still blinking with surprise described it as "a peculiar game". Before it started he and his charges held "one of our lengthier team meetings". It lasted for a minute. That was all the time they needed to agree to sustain the aggression they employed against Everton in the Milk Cup Final replay last Wednesday night.

They emerged like raging bulls, only to find that the matadors had gone home. So, it seemed, had the audience. Liverpool aim to subdue the supporters of their opponents but, as Fagan admitted, "there was no need today. For the first half hour at least there was not atmosphere at all."

The crowd must be excused if they were stunned by Watford's own unusual line-up. It looked as though Graham Taylor had written his team sheet on a faulty typewriter. The names of Jackett and Barnes had climbed up a line and that of Sherwood, the first on the list, had fallen off the top.

Taylor himself unravelled the mystery. He brought in Steele to keep goal for the first time since the middle of October, "to give his some light at the end of the tunnel. His contract ends this season and, as a reward for all his hard work in the reserves, it was time to give him a big game."

Jackett, pulled back from midfield, was told to cling to Dalglish, and Barnes, withdrawn from the front, was instructed to follow Wark. Taylor's overall plan, now that relegation has been removed from this season's schedule, is to broaden the education of his youngsters. So far they have learnt fast but here they found themselves unable to cope.

Watford were taught a lesson as crushing as it is simple. There is no substitute for quality. Try as they might, they knew that in all probability Rush and Wark, two genuine goal scorers, would unhinge them and that Dalglish would be responsible for showing his colleagues the door.

At 54 and 80 minutes fiction became fact. Wark marked his debut not only by giving them the lead (his last goal was against Liverpool for Ipswich Town in November) but also by bringing another dimension to their attack. Rush, granted three opportunities, was twice too accurate for his own satisfaction and then too powerful for Steele.

Other than the long throw-ins of the 18-year-old Sinnott, Watford had little to offer in reply. Had Johnston grown an inch or two and reached a couple of Reilly's headed flicks, the regal stride of the reigning monarchs might have been disturbed but only momentarily. The effect would have been as substantial as an ant treading on the royal robes.

WATFORD: S Steele; D Bardsley, W Rostron, L Taylor, K Jackett, L Sinnott, N Callaghan, M Johnston, G Reilly, J Barnes, P Atkinson (sub, I Richardson).

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; P Neal, A Kennedy, M Lawrenson, R Whelan, A Hansen, K Dalglish, S Lee, I Rush, J Wark, G Souness.
Referee: T Holbrook (Wolverhampton).

Fellows Park buyer found

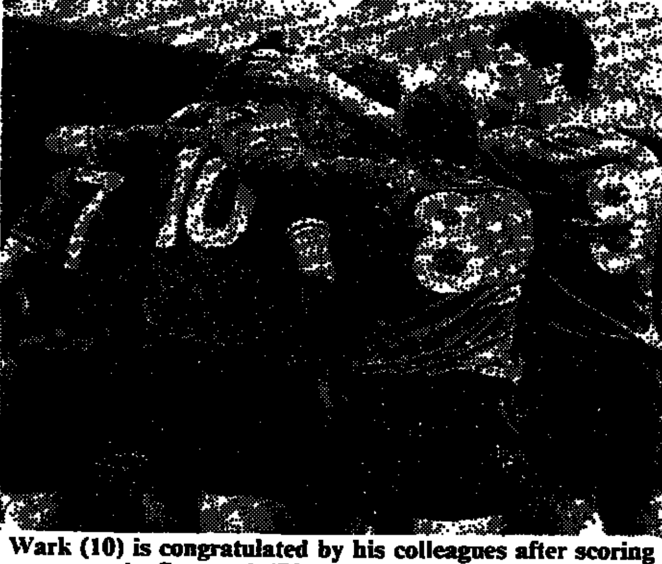
Walsall have sold their Fellows Park ground subject to permission being granted to allow a commercial development of the site. The third division club are also negotiating with their local authority to build a new stadium about three miles away.

Their chairman, Ken Wheldon, said in his report to shareholders at the annual meeting on Saturday that a buyer had been found for the ground.

● Malcolm Allison, the former Middlesbrough manager, is to take the club to an industrial tribunal, claiming unfair dismissal. Allison, 56, was dismissed when he refused to sell players to help the club's survival.

England at Maracana

England's friendly international match against Brazil on June 10 will be played at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana Stadium. The game is one of a series the Brazilians are to play to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of their football association. They will play Argentina on June 18 and Uruguay on June 13.



Wark (10) is congratulated by his colleagues after scoring the first goal. (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Celtic keep hopes alive

By Hugh Taylor

Celtic kept alive their slender hopes of winning the premier division championship by beating Aberdeen the league leaders 1-0 a Parkhead. But they were fortunate to take both points even though their determinded and often stylish display was a vast improvement on that of the previous week against Rangers in the final of the League Cup, and Aberdeen should at least have shared the spoils because of an inspired second-half performance.

Devid Hay, the Celtic manager, admitted that despite the wind, through a goal scored rather luckily by Melrose, his club's hopes of evertaking Aberdeen remain remote. Their rivals have a four-point advantage and two games in hand. "We will keep pegging away and hope that Aberdeen will falter," he said

There is little chance, however, of the leaders losing their way, *although they will have to remedy* their glaring weakness in finishing if they are to win the treble of league, Scottish and European Cup-winners' cups.

Their lack of effort in front of goal was in strange contrast to their stout defence and powerful midfield play. Indeed, misplaced back-passing from anxious colleagues gave the Celtic goalkeeper, Bonner, more worry than any shots by the visiting attack.

It was for once a lively, open game, with glimpses of traditional Scottish play, fewer players intent, as on previous occasions, on marking rivals out of contention and attractive touches by those outstanding midfield players, Burns, of Celtic, and Strachan, of Aberdeen.

Once again the challenge by the champions Dundee United appears to have faded, for they could only *draw 0-0 with Hearts of Midlothian,*



Operation Goodison ... Andy Gray of Everton takes flight while Southampton's Mark Wright takes it on the chin. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Absentees make this a poor practice drill

By Clive White

Everton 1
Southampton 0

"This is a practice drill", came an unintentionally fitting announcement over the tannoy during Saturday's second half. Obviously the Goodison Park security people did not realize that with the match starting three and a half hours earlier than usual because of the Grand National, their normally private fire drill would have an audience of 20,000.

The crowd could have told them by then that, even as practice, it was a poor show. Southampton were, mysteriously, without for of their best men on parade, and the general shape and commitment of those present bore little relation to what it will be in a fortnight's time, when the real battle between these two teams takes place in the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

The missing four were dropped or injured, though Lawrie McMenemy, the manager, did not stop to clarify who was what. He ignored the coincidence that Agboola, Dennis, Worthington and Williams were all within a booking's distance of suspension. Wright, Southampton's most impressive performer, seemed a better candidate for a rest, having been withdrawn from two England parties recently. But the answer to that particular puzzle was that his suspect ankle cannot take two games a week.

There was a delicious touch of irony about the next announcement over the tannoy: "Stand by for Operation Goodison", it said. The faithful thousands of Everton had been standing by for the 14 years for a master plan that would bring them success.

The Everton players showed their appreciation of such patience and support by thumping two dozen plastic balls, bought by themselves, into the crowd before the start. They did not give many balls away during the rest of the afternoon.

They further rewarded the crowd in a small way with a display of strength and character. After nationwide coverage of their heart-rending Milk Cup performances in the previous seven days, they must have decided they had nothing to hide.

It would be reasonable to think they also had nothing more to give. But Everton wisely guarded against collapse, appreciating the nearness of relegation and, possibly, another Wembley date.

Without Agboola, their sweeper, Southampton did not even play to their safeguard system. Richardson, Heath and Gray, wholeheartedly back in cip contention after being Milk Cup-tied, punched several holes through the new guard and Shilton needed to be at his most alert.

The goal, after 39 minutes, began typically with the sure-footed touches of Reid and Bailey and ended classically with a header by Gray.

EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, J Bailey, K Ratcliffe, D Mountfield, P Reid, A Harper (sub, T Steven), A Heath, G Sharp, A Gray, K Richardson.

SOUTHAMPTON: P Shilton; M Mills (sub D Rofe), I Golac, D Puckett, M Whitlock, M Wright, N Holmes, S Moran, I Baird, D Armstrong, D Wallace.
Referee: K Redfern (Whitley Bay).

England's squad down to 15

By Stuart Jones

England's preparations are troubled. These four introductory words have become almost as familiar as the fixtures themselves and will continue to be so for as long as international maches are jammed into an already overcrowded domestic schedule. The clubs may prosper but the country has suffered once again.

Nine days before the home championship tie against Northern Ireland at Wembley, Bobby Robson selected 20 players. By the time his squad had gathered yesterday, he found that his list of first choices had dwindled to 15. As well as Sansom, who withdrew in midweek, the casualties include Duxbury, Mabbutt, Mariner and Williams.

Since neither Mabbutt, Williams nor Mariner were expected to start against the Irish on Wednesday night, the fates might have been more unkind to Robson, who has decided not to call in any replacements. Nevertheless, he has lost both of the full backs he picked against France five weeks ago.

Kennedy, as the only remaining left back, is therefore assured of his first cap at the age of 29.

Kennedy, who broke a Liverpool record for an outfield player by playing in his 165th successive game on Saturday, suspected that his international opportunity had gone.

Anderson, who has yet to play for England under Robson, is the main recognized right back, although Gregory played there against Hungary in Budapest last October. Apart from Bryan Robson and Roberts, who both reported with slight injuries but are expected to recover in time, England's manager must also wait to see if Francis is fit.

He figured in Sampdoria's 3-0 victory at Udinese yesterday afternoon and will join the party today. The Irish are themselves awaiting the news of medical examination this morning. It concerns Jennings. In spite of breaking his nose and suffering from mild concussion on Saturday, he is still eager to win his 104th cap.

United pay for their lack of composure

By Nicholas Harling

West Bromwich Albion 2
Manchester United 0

Shots, so we are led to believe, win matches. If so, Manchester United must be finding it hard to believe there is any truth in one of football's basic maxims after having nothing to show for raining shots in from almost first whistle to last at The Hawthorns on Saturday.

United, chiefly through Robson, had about three times as many efforts on target as Albion, but still lost not only their League leadership but also an unbeaten record of 16 first division matches stretching back to December 3.

The trouble was that, with one exception when it was really too late to matter, United created very little on one of their least favourite grounds. Albion matched them for commitment and seemed to want to win every bit as much, if only to please their new manager, Johnny Giles. Not that United were lacking in desire; if anything, they wanted to succeed a little too much, testimony being the bookings of Robson, Whiteside and Wilkins, for a foul, a scuffle and dissent, respectively, as their frustration told.

They could have done with the composure of Muhren to calm things down a mite. The Dutchman was absent with a calf injury, and Graham merely contributed to United's frenzy on a day when the boisterous wind was as uncontrolled as some of their play.

That United were kept at a distance said much for the excellence of Albion's central defenders, McNaught and Bennett, and the vision of those in front of them, Hunt, Grealish and Mackenzie.

Mackenzie it was who put Albion on their way in the thirty-seventh minute when Hogg's headed clearance from Statham's cross was held up in the wind, laying bare United's defence. Morley spotted that Mackenzie was unmarked and the ball was rammed past Bailey.

The wind was also probable to blame for Albion's second goal, in the seventy-ninth minure, when Bailey, under pressure from Thompson, could not gather Morley's cross, which Regis swept into the unguarded net. There was time left only for Whiteside to hook wide and then to combine with Wilkins to send Stapleton through for the one real chance United produced. Had it been Robson from such a range, United might have scored. Stapleton, however, was not equal to the task.

WEST BRIMWICH ALBION: P Barron; C Whitehead, D Statham, S Hunt, K McNaught, M Bennet, A Grealish, G Thompson, C Regis, S Mackenzie, A Morley.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; M Duxbury, A Albiston, R Wilkins, K Moran, G Hogg, B Robson, A Graham, F Stapleton, N Whiteside, R Moses.

REFEREE: D Letts (Basingstoke).

Threadbare derby for the faithful

By David Powell

Notts County 0
Nottingham Forest 0

Anyone who failed to appreciate the genius and geniality which Merseyside brought to the Milk Cup Final should have been at Meadow Lane on Saturday. Here was the poor man's suit of clothes, worn in places and hardly a decent fit for the first division. Liverpool and Everton were made to measure; County and Forest had the stamp of seconds.

The Nottingham derby ended in a result which did good to neither club. The jacket should wear well enough to fashion another UEFA Cup campaign, even if Forest fail to win the competition this season, but the trousers are round the ankles and will probably be kept in a separate wardrobe next term.

Forest have fallen too far behind Liverpool to entertain even the faintest notion of winning the championship while County, with only 27 points to play for, are eight adrift of the safety area. Neither can complain, for skill and adventure were skimped and the first shot did not materialize until the 79th minute. Then Christie fired low to the right of van Breukelen, who greeted the ball like some long lost friewnd. It was hardly a shot at all but it earned generous applause. The starving man can feast on bread and water.

With so little to rouse the passions, hooliganism was kept under wraps and the two sets of supporters even found themselves in agreement from time to time. "We want our money back", they sang in unison.

The only angry exchanges were on the pitch, where van Breukelen and Swain stood arguing over a back-pass which had put the goalkeeper into difficulty with Chiedozie running in. There were free kicks all over the place and bookings for Hodson, McCulloch, Fairclough and Hart.

In the closing minutes, Chiedozie twice set up McCulloch for shots but van Breukelen saved well. Forest's penchant for late goals, for and against, offered some hope of a decider, but when they finally broke through two minutes from time Leonard came quickly off his line to smother at the feet of Davenport. Since Armstrong and Hodson have been introduced to the back four, County have conceded one goal in four games.

Jimmy Sirrel, the County manager, says his team will keep battling away. With Liverpool and Manchester United still to visit Meadow Lane, they will need to.

NOTTS COUNTY: M Leonard; S Hodson, D Clarke, P Richards, K Armstrong, D Hunt, M O'Neill, I McCulloch, T Christie, G Mair, J Chiedozie.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: H van Breukelen; V Anderson, K Swain, C Fairclough, P Hart, I Bower, I Wallace, P Davenport, G Birtles (sub: D Walker), S Hodge, C Walsh.

Referee: K Walmsley (Blackpool).

Stansted's historic achievement

By Paul Newman

Stamford and Stansted, clubs with similar names but starkly contrasting FA Vase records, will contest this season's Wembley final in four weeks' time. In Saturday's semi-final second leg matches, Stamford won 2-0 at home to **Irthlinborough Diamonds** (4-1 on aggregate), and Stansted won 2-0 away to **Whickham** (3-1 on aggregate).

Stamford, a Lincolnshire club from the United Counties League, are one of the most successful clubs in the history of the competition, having lost in the 1976 final and won in 1980. Stansted, from the Essex Senior League, had never progressed beyond the second round before this season.

Reeves, who played for Billericay Town whem they beat Almondsbury Greenway in the 1979 Vase final, gave Stansted a second minute lead at Whickham and Gillard increased the advantage early in the second half.

Two Whickham players, Knox and Mayne, were sent off

York keep winning

Peterborough 0 York 2

York City's sixth successive fourth division victory came from a confident and controlled performance yesterday. McPhail scored their first goal with a sixty-seventh minute header after Peterborough had failed to clear a corner. Six minutes later Byrne added a second goal after a superb run by Ford, who had beaten three defenders.

Leading scorers

FIRST DIVISION: I Rush (Liverpool) 36; S Archibald (Tottenham) 23; T Christie (Notts County) 20; P Withe (Aston Villa) 20; P Withe (Aston Villa) 20.
SECOND DIVISION: K Dixon (Chelsea) 25; K Keegan (Newcastle) 24; M Hateley (Portsmouth) 22; G Davies (Fulham) 20; G Bannister (Sheff Wed) 20; M Quinn (Oldham, 17 for Stockport) 20.
THIRD DIVISION: K Edwards (Sheff Utd) 37; A Cork (Wimbledon) 31; J Aldridge (Oxford, 25 for Newport) 26; A Caldwell (Bolton) 22.
FOURTH DIVISION: T Senior (Reading) 35; A Adcock (Colchester) 26; J Byrne (York) 23; K Walwyn (York) 22.

GOLF

Master stroke saves Watson time and time again

From Mitchell Platts, Ponte Vedra, Florida

"If every golfer on the tour missed every green, then Tom Watson would win every tournament." Those are not my words. They were spoken by Johnny Miller. The respect which Miller has for Watson's astonishing short game was vividly supported in the Tournament Players' Championship here on Saturday.

Watson entered the final round yesterday, snapping at the heels of Fred Couples and Severiano Ballesteros, because of his ability to emulate Houdini. It is not difficult to stray into trouble on the intimidating Players' Course at Sawgrass, but Watson found more than his fair share of problems. That he emerged from the pine and palm trees, the bunkers and the water hazards, with a third round score of 67 was outstanding.

Four times on the outward half, he pitched from desperate situations to within four feet of the hole, to keep his score intact. Later in the round, he played an exquisite shot from the sand to salvage his par at the fifteenth. Then,, at the eighteenth, he escaped again with the type of improved bump-and-run shot which has helped him to win five Open Championships.

It meant that he finished with a 54-hole aggregate of 209, leaving him three strokes behind Couples (71) and one behind Ballesteros (70). With Lee Trevino (68) and Craig Stadler (66) only one stroke further adrift, there was certain to be plenty of exciting activity throughout the final day.

Watson has not won a stroke-play tournament in the United States since he holed an audacious pitch shot from the rough at the seventeenth at Pebble Beach to win the US Open in June of 1982. In truth, he has won twice since then, the Open at Royal Birkdale last summer and the Tucson match play championship in January of this year, but he has had to endure a perplexing loss of form.

After Tucson, he failed to survive the halfway cut in three successive tournaments, and his best finish is nineth in the Bay Hill Classic. His game, however, is blossoming with the spring, ready to greet the Azaleas and rosebuds at Augusta next week. "My enthusiasm has returned this week", he said. "I'm getting some positive feedback from my game.

LEADING SCORES (US unless stated): 206: F Couples, 71, 64, 71. 208: S Ballesteros (SP), 70, 68, 70. 209: S Ballesteros (SP), 70, 68, 70. 209: T Watson, 75, 67, 67. 210: C Stadler, 74, 70, 66; L Trevino, 76, 66, 68; M O'Meara, 72, 69, 69. 212: J Mahaffey, 69, 74, 69. British scores: 215: P Oosterhuis, 73, 69, 74. 220: N Faldo, 73, 73, 74.

● Jakarta (AP) – Terry Gale, of Australia shot a two under par 70 for a four under par 140 total to take a one-stroke lead in the second round of the $100,000 (£69,000) Indonesian Open tournament here.

MOTOR RACING

Thackwell joins a select company after close win

By Brendan Lynch

Mike Thackwell, from Perth, Australia, in his Ralt-Honda, yesterday became one of the select handful of drivers to win the Silverstone Daily Express International Trophy race for the second time when, in a dramatic last-corner manoeuvre, he overtook Roborto Moreno, his team-mate, to repeat his 1981 success and take maximum points in this opening round of the European Formula Two championship. He also set a new Formula Two lap record of 138.88 mph and his winning average speed of 135.39 mph was two miles per hour faster than the previous lap record.

Thackwell and Moreno, the latter a Protégé of Nelson Piquet, the world champion, dominated the 47-lap, 140-mile race and by lap 30 they had lapped every other driver. But it was far from certain who would win

RESULTS: 1, M Thackwell (Aus) Ralt-Honda 1hr: 1min 04.11sec, (average speed 135.39 mph, 47 laps); 2, R Moreno (Br) Ralt-Honda 1:01:38.25; 3, M Ferte (Fr) Martini-BMW 46 laps 1:01:50.41; 4, T Tassin (Bel) March-BMW 46 laps 1:01:51.05, 5, T Sabre (Fr) March-BMW 46 laps 1.01.57.84; 6, E Pirro (It) March-BMW 46 laps 1:02:09.19. Fastest lap: M Thackwell 1min, 16.00sec 138.88 mph average speed.

Dumfries defeats elements to win

A dramatic Marlboro British Formular Three championship race at Silverstone yesterday afternoon began in a snow storm and finished in bright sunshine with Johnny Dumfries scoring his fourth consecutive race victory (Jeremy Shaw writes).

Dumfries had led from the start, but he was caught out by the treacherous conditions on the first lap and slipped behind Andrew Gilbert-Scott.

MARLBORO BRITISH FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP: Round 3: 1, J Dumfries (Ralt-VW RT3), 29 min 33.50 secs, 119.03mph; 2, R Stence (Ralt VW RT3), 29:33.01; 3, C Abella (Ralt-Toyota RT3), 29:38.18; 4, G Evans (Ralt-Toyota RT3), 29:38 46; 5, P Radisich (Ralt-VW RT3), 29:49 03; 6, D Hunt (Ralt-Toyota RT3) 29:42.58 Fastest lap; Spence: 1:25.51, 123.43 mph. (record)
TRIMCO RAC BRITISH SALOON CAR CHAMPIONSHIP. Round 2: 20 laps: 1, T Pond (3 5 Rover Vitesse), 33 min 42.61 secs, 104.37 min; 2, P Lovett (3.5 Rover Vitesse), 33:51.93; 3, F Sytner (3.5 BMW 635 CSi), 34:15.11; 4, T Dron (2.8 Toyota Celica Supra), 34:24.22;
CLASS WINNERS: Pond: P Watts (1.3 MG Metro turbo), 100.22 mph; R Longman (1.6 Ford Escort RS 1600), 96.82 mph.

CRICKET

Opening pair in control

Bridgetown (Reuter) – Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Hayes completed their third century opening partnership of the series during the morning session of the third day of the third test match against Australia here yesterday. At lunch, West Indies, replying to Australia's first innings total of 429, were 139 for one.

The opening stand ended 17 minutes before lunch when Greenidge was run out. He had backed up too far to a Haynes cover drive which was well fielded by Smith and failed to beat the return to the bowler's end.

Although the second new ball was only seven overs old when Australia had resumed on 227 for five yesterday morning, West Indies did not meet with immediate success. But when they did break through they captured the crucial wicket of Border, who fell to a magnificent running catch by Richardson. Border was out for 38, only the second time in five innings in this series that he has been dismissed for less than 50.

The nightwatchman, Hogan batted sensibly until six minutes before lunch when Garner ended his innings of 40 with a yorker.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

S B Smith c Dujon b Marshall	10
G M Wood c Dujon b Holding	68
GM Ritchie c and b Harper	57
*K J Hughes c Lloyd b Holding	20
A R Border c Richardson b Marshall	38
D W Hookes c Dujon b Garner	30
T G Hogan b Garner	40
†W B Phillips c Dujon b Garner	120
G F Lawson b Baptiste	10
R G Hogg c Garner b Harper	3
T Alderman not out	3
Extras ( )	30
Total ( )	429

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–11, 2–114, 3–158, 4–171, 5–223, 6–263, 7–307, 8–330, 9–336.

West Indies: First Innings

C G Greenidge run out	64
D L Haynes not out	65
R B Richardson not out	0
Extras (LB-5, NB-4)	9
Total (For 1 wicket)	139

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–132.

BOWLING. Lawson 10.2-2-36-0. Alderman 16.4-3-62-0. Hogg 9-1-23-0. Hogan 8-3-13-0.

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EQUESTRIANISM

Miss Holgate's timely win

Virginia Holgate, winner of last year's Burghley three-day event, won two sections of yesterday's Daihatsu Advanced Class at Brigstock Horse Trials in Northamptonshire.

Her first victory came in section one with Night Cap, her mount in next week's Badminton three-day event. The 11-year-old gained his usual advantage in the dressage arena and retained it in the show jumping and cross country, when he went at a powerful gallop into the icy wind which had brought sporadic showers of snow to the Brigstock course. Night Cap, who easily defeated Nicola May on Jolliaventa and Lucinda Green on Beagle Bay, will be strongly fancied to give Miss Holgate her first Badminton victory next week.

With her Burghley winner, Priceless, who is being saved for the Olympics and therefore misses Badminton, Miss Holgate had an equally impressive win in the second advanced section. She scored by a six-point margin from Robert Lemieux

RESULTS: Daihatsu Advanced I: 1, British National Insurance's Night Cap (Miss V Holgate), 31 penalties; 2, Happy Eater Limited's Jolliaventa (Miss N May), 38; 3, SR Direct Mail's Beagle Bay (Mrs L Green), 47. Advanced II: 1, British National Insurance's Priceless (Miss V Holgate), 31; 2, Boardman Furnishing Group's The Gamesmaster (R Lemieux), 37; 3, Carita House's The Gymnast (E Wolley), 45. Advanced III: 1, Mrs E Menzies's Silent Echo (Miss F Menzies), 48; 2, Mrs M Wills's Vale Fox (Miss A Wills), 54; 3, Mrs J F Brignall's Claughton (N Harland), 55. Intermediate: 1, Miss F Hunter's Any Chance (owner), 38; 2, R Walker and Mrs E Lecler's Lubn V (R Walker), 22; 3, Miss F van Tuyl's Cobblers Hill (owner), 39. Nunior Open Intermediate Trial: Miss M Gurdon's The Done Thing (owner), 36.

IN BRIEF

Two Kent candidates

Terry Alderman, the Australian Test player now touring in the West Indies, and Ken Watson, of South Africa, are two fast bowlers being considered by Kent as a replacement for Graham Dilley, who is injured and willl miss this season. Another Kent player, Eldine Baptiste, is likely to tour in England with West Indies.

HOCKEY: The experienced Valerie Robinson will be missing from Great Britain's team in the invitation anniversary international tournament in Berlin at the end of the month. There are four new caps in the 16-strong squad: Karen Brown and Vicki Dixon (England), Sheila Henderson (Scotland) and Margaret Medlow (Wales). The captain is Mary Eckersall (England).
SQUAD: W Banks (Wal), K Brown (Eng), L Carr (Eng), V Dixon (Eng), M Eckersall (Eng-Capt), K Gordon (Eng), S Henderson (Scot), R Hine (Eng), V McBride (NI), M McLeod (Scot), M Medlow (Wal), M Pugh (Wal), J Redpath (NI), J Stewart (Scot), J Swinnerton (Eng), R Sykes (Eng).

WRESTLING: The Soviet Union won 29 of 30 individuals matches and the United States 28 out of 30 in the World Cup at Toledo, Ohio. The Russians's only loss came against Canada when Ray Takahashi suprisingly pinned Amangeldy Dzapprov in the 115.5lb.

GOLF: Terry Gale, of Australia, held off a last-Round challenge from Lu Lu Chien Soon, of Taiwan, to claim the Indonesian Open championship at Jakarta yesterday. Gale scored a 69 for a total of 280, two strokes ahead of Lu.

SNOOKER: Steve Davis, seeking to retain his Irish Masters title, opened up a 7-1 lead over Terry Griffiths at the halfway stage of the 17-frame final at Kildare yesterday.

YACHTING: Vincent Brun, a naturalized American from San Diego, won the first race in the Star world championship at Vilamoura, Portugal. The best placed Britons were John Boyce and David Munge, who finished fourteenth in the fleet of 79.
RESULT (provisional): 1, V Brun (US); 2, A Griese (WG); 3, A Menkart (US); 4, B Binkhorst (Neth); 5, J Schwarz (WG). British placings: 14, J Boyce, 16, I Woolward; 30, D Howlett. European spring championship, overall results: 1, W Buchan (US) 45 pts; 2, Griese, 52; 3, G Gorla (It) 72.7; 4, A Balashov (USSR) 73.7; 5, J Maccausland (US) 82. British placings: 16, Howlett, 17, Boyce; 40 A Hurst
TENNIS: Top-seeded Jimmy Connors recovered to beat the third-seeded Jimmy Arias 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 to reach the final of a grand prix tournament at Boca Raton, Florida, on Saturday Connors will meet the winner of the semi-final between Yannick Noah, seeded second, and Johan Kriek, seeded seventh

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

First division

Birmingham C	2	Aston Villa	1
Coventry C	1	Arsenal	4
Everton	1	Southampton	0
Ipswich T	3	Luton T	0
Leicester C	2	Norwich C	1
Notts Cty	0	Nottingham F	0
Stoke C	2	Sunderland	1
Tottenham H	1	Wolverhampton W	0
Watford	0	Liverpool	2
West Bromwich	2	Manchester Utd	0
West Ham	2	QPR	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	33	19	9	5	53	24	66
Manchester Utd	33	18	10	5	63	33	64
Nottingham F	33	17	6	10	55	35	57
West Ham	33	16	7	10	53	38	55
Southampton	32	16	7	9	39	30	55
QPR	34	16	6	12	53	31	54
Tottenham H	34	14	8	12	53	51	50
Arsenal	34	14	6	14	58	49	48
Watford	34	14	6	14	60	61	48
Aston Villa	34	13	9	12	49	51	48
Luton T	34	13	8	13	45	48	47
Birmingham C	34	12	8	14	35	38	44
Everton	32	11	11	10	29	34	44
Leicester C	34	11	10	13	55	55	43
Norwich C	33	11	10	12	36	37	43
West Bromwich	33	12	6	15	39	49	42
Coventry C	34	10	10	14	45	53	40
Sunderland	34	9	11	14	33	45	38
Stoke C	34	10	8	16	32	55	38
Ipswich T	34	10	6	18	41	50	36
Notts Cty	33	7	9	17	40	60	30
Wolverhampton W	33	5	9	19	25	64	24

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Enfield 3, Bangor City 1; Frickley 4, Northwich Victoria 1; Kettering 1, Altrincham 1; Harriers 1, Bath City 1; Maidstone 1, Runcorn 1; Nuneaton 2, Barnet 2; Telford United 1, Scarborough 0; Trowbridge 0, Gateshead 2; Wealdstone 3, Worcester 1; Weymouth 3, Dagenham 1; Yeovil 4, Boston United 2.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bognor Regis 0, Bishops Stortford 2, Bromley 0, Billericay 2; Carshalton Athletic 3, Wycombe Wanderers 2; Harlow 0, Walthamstow Avenue 1; Staines 1, Barking 1; Worthing 1, Hendon 2. First division: Aveley 3, Chesham 1; Clapton 0, Wembley 0; Feltham 0, Farnborough 2; Hertford 3, Boreham Wood 1; Hornchurch 4, Walton and Hersham 0; Oxford City 1, Met Police 4; Tilbury 3, Windsor and Eton 2. Postponed: Epsom and Ewell v Cheshunt; Leatherhead v Maidenhead. Second division: Basildon 3, Hungerford 2; Eastbourne United 1, Hemel Hempstead 2; Epping 1, Egham 2; Horsham 0, Letchworth Garden City 2; Leytonstone Wingate 3, Southall 2; Molesey 2, Tring 1; Newbury 0, Corinthian-Casuals 2; Rainham 1, Ware 1; Uxbridge 1, Dorking 0.

Second division

Barnsley	5	Derby Cty	1
Cardiff C	3	Chelsea	3
Fulham	0	Carlisle Utd	0
Grimsby T	2	Huddersfield T	1
Leeds Utd	1	Sheffield Wed	1
Manchester C	0	Charlton A	1
Middlesbrough	3	Oldham Ath	2
Newcastle Utd	2	Swansea C	0
Portsmouth	5	Brighton	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	34	18	12	4	69	37	66
Sheffield Wed	32	19	9	4	60	29	66
Newcastle Utd	34	20	6	8	67	45	66
Carlisle Utd	34	16	12	6	40	23	60
Manchester C	34	17	8	9	52	39	59
Grimsby T	33	16	11	6	51	38	59
Blackburn R	34	14	13	7	46	38	55
Charlton A	34	15	9	10	45	46	54
Brighton	34	13	8	13	56	49	47
Leeds Utd	34	13	8	13	43	45	47
Portsmouth	34	13	5	16	60	48	44
Huddersfield T	33	11	11	11	42	40	44
Shrewsbury T	34	11	10	13	35	45	43
Fulham	34	10	12	12	48	42	42
Cardiff C	33	13	3	17	44	51	42
Middlesbrough	34	10	10	14	35	39	40
Barnsley	33	11	6	16	48	46	39
Crystal Palace	33	9	10	14	33	40	37
Oldham Ath	34	10	7	17	39	60	37
Derby Cty	33	7	8	18	28	61	29
Swansea C	34	5	7	22	29	66	22
Cambridge Utd	34	2	9	23	23	65	15

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch 2, Kings Lynn 0; Ap Leamington 3, Hastings 1; Bedworth 0, Dartford 1; Chelmsford City 2, Cheltenham 1; Corby 1, Folkestone 1; Gloucester 2, Fisher Athletic 1; Gosport 0, Witney 2; Gravesend 1, Stourbridge 1; Sutton Coldfield 1, Dorchester 1. Midland division: Aylesbury 1, Leicester United 0; Banbury 0, Moor Green 1; Bridgnorth 2, Oldbury 2; Bridgwater 1, Willenhall 0; Bromsgrove Rovers 1, Wellingborough 0; Coventry Sporting 1, Merthyr Tydfil 0; Dudley 1, VS Rugby 0; Shepshed Charterhouse 5, Milton Keynes City 0; Tamworth 1, Redditch 1.

Southern division: Addlestone and Weybridge 2, Canterbury 0; Ashford 2, Salisbury 1; Cambridge City 1, Poole 0; Dover 2, Basingstoke 2, Erith and Belvedere 0, Dunstable 2; Hounslow 1, Crawley 3; R S Southampton 1, Hillingdon 2; Tonbridge 1, Chatham 2; Waterlooville 2, Woodford 3.

WESTERN LEAGUE: Clandown 1, Saltash 1; Clevedon 0, Barnstaple 3, Liskeard 4, Minehead 0; Plymouth 1, Bristol Manor Farm 1; Wellington 0, Frome 3; Weston-super Mare 3, Devizes 1.

Third division

Bournemouth	2	Wimbledon	3
Brentford	2	Bristol R	2
Burnley	2	Bolton W	2
Gillingham	3	Orient	1
Hull C	1	Bradford C	0
Lincoln C	1	Exeter C	1
Oxford Utd	1	Scunthorpe Utd	0
Sheffield Utd	2	Walsall	0
Wigan Ath	3	Port Vale	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford Utd	37	23	7	7	75	43	76
Sheffield Utd	38	19	11	8	72	45	68
Wimbledon	37	20	8	9	83	64	68
Walsall	38	19	8	11	59	52	65
Bristol R	37	18	10	9	57	42	64
Hull C	35	17	12	6	53	30	63
Burnley	36	15	13	8	68	40	58
Bolton W	37	16	10	11	50	42	58
Gillingham	35	16	7	12	58	53	55
Orient	35	15	8	13	53	58	53
Bradford C	34	14	9	11	59	49	51
Millwall	36	13	12	11	52	53	51
Newport Cty	36	13	12	11	50	61	51
Lincoln C	37	14	8	15	49	51	50
Wigan Ath	36	13	9	14	40	46	48
Preston	38	12	9	15	54	49	45
Plymouth Argyle	34	10	9	15	41	46	39
Bournemouth	36	10	5	21	46	64	35
Brentford	37	7	13	17	52	69	34
Scunthorpe Utd	34	6	15	14	38	60	30
Port Vale	35	8	6	21	36	67	30
Southend Utd	34	6	11	17	41	60	29
Rotherham Utd	33	7	7	19	33	50	28
Exeter C	36	5	11	20	44	68	26

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Cholmeleians 1, Brentwoods 1; Foresters 1, Lancing O.B. 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Barrow 1, Rhyl 0; Burton Albion 0, Goole 0; Chorley 1, Mossley 0; Grantham 3, Southport 0; Hyde 1, Gainsborough Trinity 2; Matlock 2, Workington 0; Morecambe 2, Oswestry 1; Witton Albion 1, Macclesfield 1; Worksop 0, Stafford Rangers 1

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ashington 2, Peterlee 2; Consett 2, Whitby 1; Crook 2, Bishop Auckland 1; Ferryhill 0, Billingham 1; Tow Law 0, Blyth Spartans 3; Whitley Bay 1, Evenwood 0. Postponed: Shildon v South Bank.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Camberley 1, Harefield 2; Fleet 0, Ruislip Manor 2; Harwich and Parkeston 1, Burnham 1; Hoddesdon 2, Banstead Athletic 1; Horley 0, Chalfont St Peter 3; Kingsbury 4, Haringey Borough 2; Redhill 1, Thatcham 1; Whyteleafe 3, Berkhamsted 2; Wolverton 2, Chertsey 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal 2, Oxford United 0; Luton 2, Leicester City 2; Swansea 1, Birmingham City 2; Swindon 5, Reading 1.

Fourth division

Aldershot	0	Crewe Alex	0
Bristol C	4	Colchester Utd	1
Doncaster R	P	Reading	P
Hartlepool	1	Rochdale	2
Hereford Utd	3	Chesterfield	1
Mansfield T	1	Blackpool	1
Torquay Utd	P	Chester	P

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York C	37	25	6	6	78	33	81
Bristol C	39	20	8	11	60	38	68
Doncaster R	36	18	12	6	63	45	66
Reading	37	17	12	8	69	47	63
Aldershot	37	18	8	11	60	55	62
Blackpool	35	17	7	11	55	36	58
Tranmere R	37	14	14	9	47	38	56
Peterborough Utd	38	14	12	12	56	39	54
Colchester Utd	35	14	12	9	55	38	54
Stockport Cty	36	15	8	13	52	50	53
Crewe Alex	37	14	9	14	47	55	51
Torquay Utd	37	13	11	13	47	54	50
Chesterfield	38	12	13	13	45	50	49
Swindon T	37	12	12	13	48	44	48
Hereford Utd	37	12	12	13	43	42	48
Northampton T	38	12	11	15	43	55	47
Bury	37	11	12	14	50	52	45
Darlington	35	13	5	17	35	38	44
Rochdale	38	9	12	17	46	65	39
Halifax T	37	9	11	17	39	67	38
Wrexham	36	8	12	16	42	57	36
Hartlepool	37	9	7	21	40	70	34
Mansfield T	37	7	11	19	44	64	32
Chester	36	5	11	20	37	69	26

FA VASE: Semi-finals, second leg: Stamford 2, Irthlingboro Diamonds 0 (Stamford win 4-1 on agg); Whickham 0, Stansted 2 (Stansted win 3-1 on agg)

IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1, Bangor 0; Ballymena 2, Glenavon 2, Carrick Rangers 0, Glentoran 2; Linfield 6, Coleraine 1; Newry 2, Larne 0; Portadown 0, Crusaders 1

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES: First division: Fulham 1, Orient 2; Gillingham 3, Arsenal 0; Norwich 3, Millwall 2; Portsmouth 0, Chelsea 8; QPR 1, Charlton 0; Watford 5, West Ham 1. Second division: Tottenham 1, Bristol Rovers 2; Brighton 0, Oxford United 1; Southend 1, Wimbledon 9; West Ham 4, Luton 2.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Semi-finals: Kingstonian 3, Sutton United 2; Leytonstone Ilford 1, Dulwich Hamlet 1 (aet).

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Littlehampton 1, Lewes 0.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Emley 3, Appleby Frodingham 1; Guiseley 2, Bentley Victoria 0; Heanor 0, Bridlington Trinity 2; Ilkeston 4, Thackley 0; Spalding United 1, Alfreton 3; Sutton Town 3, Boston 2; Winterton Rangers 0, Eastwood 1.

Scottish premier division

Celtic	1	Aberdeen	0
Dundee	1	Hibernian	2
Hearts	0	Dundee Utd	0
Motherwell	0	Rangers	3
St Johnst'n	4	St Mirren	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	25	19	3	3	61	13	41
Celtic	27	16	5	6	61	32	37
Dundee Utd	24	14	6	4	46	22	34
Rangers	27	13	6	8	45	32	32
Hearts	28	9	10	9	32	41	28
St Mirren	29	7	12	10	42	45	26
Hibernian	31	11	4	16	40	50	26
Dundee	27	9	2	16	39	56	20
St Johnst'n	29	9	1	19	31	70	19
Motherwell	29	3	7	19	25	61	13

Scottish first division

Airdrie	3	Clydebank	3
Ayr	1	Morton	2
Dumbarton	2	Alloa	0
Falkirk	2	K'marnock	0
Meadowbank	2	Brechin	2
Partick	1	Hamilton	2
Raith	2	Clyde	2

Scottish second division

Arbroath	0	Queen's Park	5
Berwick	2	East Fife	1
Cowdenbeath	2	Albion	3
Montrose	2	Dunfermline	0
Queen of South	1	East Stirling	1
Stenhousemuir	0	Forfar	4
Stirling	0	Stranraer	2

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Ashton United 1, Prescot Cables 0; Bootle 1, Accrington Stanley 2; Burscough 1, Glossop 1; Caernarfon 2, Lancaster City 2, Curzon Ashton 4, Congleton 3, Darwen 1, Penrith 3; Netherfield 1, Winsford United 2; St Helens 0, Radcliffe Borough 4; Stalybridge Celtic 2, Formby 0.

Yesterday

Second division

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Murphy		Lockhart	
		5,278	

Fourth division

BURY	(0) 0	DARLINGTON	(1) 3
1,255		Angus 2, Forster	
PETERBORO	(0) 0	YORK CITY	(0) 2
5,216		McPhail, Byrne	

THIRD DIVISION: Millwall v Southend United, postponed.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Worksop 0, Southport 1.

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GOLF

...r stroke sa... atson time ... time again

By Mitchell Platts, Ponte Vedra, Florida

MOTOR RACING

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By Brendan Lynch

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RUGBY UNION: HIGHEST-SCORING COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL SINCE 1918



Glorious Glosters subdue enemy by pursuing old military maxim

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Gloucestershire 36
Somerset 18

...was a romantic thought that ...rset might win the county ...pionship, sponsored by Thorn for the first time in 61 years at ...kenham on Saturday. It was ...ore in accordance with reality Gloucestershire should have ...ed the title by scoring three ... three tries and two penalty ... to a goal and four penalties. ...ning the first team to score 30 ...s in a final since they did so ...selves in 1921 and contributing ...antially towards the highest ...ng final since the First World ...

...was a splendid display of team ..., exemplifying the old military ...m, subdue and penetrate. ... from the first quarter, when ... won them some lineout ball, ...rset found that there is no ... difficult chore than playing ... on the retreat. There was no ... where they did not have to ...ble for ball and when it finally ...ged Stanley, who played a ...ughly plucky game, probably ...d it had not.

...e final has also contributed ...ficantly to Bath's problems in ...pting to qualify for the John ...r Cup final. They meet ...ngham in the postponed semi- next Saturday when, as well as ...g that Hill and Cunningham ...be fit to play scrum half and ...er respectively – Cunningham ...more optimistic – they must ... see if Spurrell, their captain, Trick will have recovered from ...njuries which sent them from ...ield at Twickenham, the one 55 minutes with a dead leg, the ... just before the end with a ...d muscle and cramp.

...the components of the ...cestershire machine worked so ... that it seemed not to matter ... four months had passed since ... county semi-finals. It started ... the front five, who created so ...y problems for half backs were ... to play as though from an ...hair.

...ey could vary the game at a ...n, and did so judiciously: ...n-half plays, or the mercurial ...es, *running, kicking or passing*.

...rnes had a delightful game, as ...as scoring the try, at the start of ...second half, that demonstrated ... clearly it was not to be ...erset's day. It contrasted so obviously with his opposite number, Horton, 12 years his senior and on his day a magnificent controller of events. He and the rest of the Somerset midfield were under such dire pressure that handling went to pieces, the ginger-haired Rees standing firm amid the wreckage. In the circumstances it was inevitable that gifts became available for the taking as passes went to ground, with Hogg the most direct beneficiary.

This Gloucestershire side has the balance that England have been unable to discover all season. Gadd and Rafter, launching themselves a couple of seconds earlier than Hall and Spurrell, denied Somerset much of the loose ball from which Palmer might have benefited. Only Simpson of the Somerset back row, was able to compete and he lacked support.

Perhaps Barnes might have launched his threequarters more frequently so that we could appreciate what an elusive runner Knibbs is becoming, but the formula was working and there was no need to change it. It is also reasonable to ponder whether other *leading right wings* in England would have scored Morley's two tries, which came with that strength in tackle, eye for the ball and inward lean *that ensure he does not get* pushed into the corner flag. But then Bristol have given him a lot of practice.

Gloucestershire led 10-9 at the interval but already Spurrell was limping. Ralston's uncertainty under the high ball had been *indicated and* the Somerset pack were digging into their reserves. Gloucestershire had hardly begun; Barnes's try round the blind side of a scrum was a jewel. Morley's first arose from a little grubber from Preedy, which few props forwards would have conceived.

When Somerset got their consolation try deep into injury time it was the result of their best piece of concertive play and the score deservedly went to Rees.

SCORERS: Gloucestershire: Tries: Morley (2), Barnes, Harding, Hogg. Conversion: Barnes (3). Penalties: Barnes (2). Somerset: Try: Rees. Conversion: Palmer. Penalties: Palmer (4).
GLOUCESTERSHIRE: P Cue; A Morley, R Knibbs, S Hogg (all Bristol), Mogg (Gloucester), S Barnes (Bristol), R Harding (Bristol); M Preedy, S Mills, P Blakeway, J Gadd, J Orwin, J Fidler (all Gloucester), M Rafter (Bristol), R Hesford (Bristol).
SOMERSET (Bath unless stated): C Ralston; D Trick (rep. N Hopkins, Weston-super-Mare), J Palmer, A Rees, P Simmons; J Horton, C Stanley; C Lilley, G Bess, R Lee, J Hall, P Stiff (Bristol), R Hakin, R Spurrell (rep, P Turner), P Simpson.
Referee: F Howard (Liverpool).

.. Knibbs brushes aside all obstacles on his way to a try at Twickenham

Why we cheered for Somerset

By Alan Gibson

All my three sons were at Twickenham on Saturday, the youngest for the first time. The eldest two were born in Devon, and the first county final they saw was in 1957, when Devon marvellously and unexpectedly beat Yorkshire before a huge crowd on an appalling wet day at Home Park, Plymouth. The youngest was born in Gloucestershire.

Myself, I was born in Yorkshire, and though I have lived all my adult life in the four counties of the West of England, I have spent longer in Gloucestershire and in Somerset, where I am currently living (rugby people, and come to that almost everybody in these parts, take no notice of the supposed county of Avon. It is an administrative convenience, conceivably, but in no true sense a "county").

The reason I trouble you with these domestic details is that we were all four cheering for Somerset. And the reason for this was not just that Somerset had not won for so long, but that under the old system we were all getting a bit bored with Gloucestershire's domination of the West. They had won the south-western division year after year. Even Gloucestershire supporters felt a change would be good for the county game.

Well, there has been no change, in the sense that Gloucestershire are champions again, but is was certainly a refreshing cange that two West Of England sides could meet in the final. This was not possible under the old group system.

A good time was had by all, except just conceivably a few of the citizens of Twickenham, suffering from rowdy passers-by – mostly from Gloucestershire; the size of the crowd justified Twickenham as the venue; and we did not hear a single voice raised in that dolefully inappropriate ditty, the mark of the hooligan, "You'll Never Walk Alone".

I never had much doubt that Gloucestershire would win, for two reasons: their unsurpassed record in the competition, and their forward power. Supplementary reasons were Somerset's injuries. I think also that the postponement of Bath's John Player Cup semi-final against Nottingham had some effect, had they won it or lost it, it would have been off their minds.

Bath can take comfort, if they reach another Twickenham final, that the pack they will be facing will be that of Briston, not Gloucester. Saturday's pack nearly all came from Gloucester. Bristol forwards are tough enough, to be sure, But not quite such an Everest, or perhaps one should say Cotswold escarpement, to overcome.

Nottingham at colourful best to beat Quins

By John Clemison

Nottingham 42
Harlequins 10

...ssumptions about how a side ... perform on the day are always ...gerous. One assumes that Bath ... have a comfortable ride next ...urday in the John Player Cup ...i-final against Nottingham at ...ston, yet one assumed last ...urday that Harlequins, albeit ...out Cooke, would win their first ... match at Beeston, as they had ...e in a cup game four years ago.

...et not only did Nottingham beat ...lequins, they did so by three ...s and five goals to a try and a ... The mistake the critics had ...de was that they had memories ... the watery-looking Nottingham ... of the mid-1970s, and had not ...ised how this East Midland side ... been transformed since then.

...ight seasons ago, they were in ...iculties. The loss of Dusty Hare ... Leicester had created a gap no ... could fill. Their coach, Dai ...berts, had gone to become the "Don Rutherford of Canada". Their ground, on the flood plain of the River Trent, was prone to turn into a paddy-field after overnight rain. And their fixture list was so poor that it neither attracted nor challenged the young and ambitious.

Since then, much has happened.

Three times in the last four years, this 'forgotton' club have reached the quarter-finals of the cup, and this year they are expected to give mighty Bath a good game.

On Saturday, Nottingham were at their colourful best, playing strong, effective and thoroughly entertaining football, without frills. They jostled and destroyed Harlequins in the lineout, Cuthbertson and O'Brien having *a clear view of the* ball only when the line was shortened to two. The set scrums proved a nightmare for the normally *unflappable Woodhouse*, as the Harlequins scrum half tried gallantly to take the ball from his No 8, who was back-peddalling at speed under the *force of Nottingham's* eight-man shove.

Wasps' southern comfort

By Michael Stevenson

To many Southerners the ...sionate interest engendered by ...rthern County Cups may seem a ...le odd: both favourites, however, ... the senior competitions, the ...ncashire and Yorkshire cups, ...istered excellent wins on Saturday. **Headingley** beat **Leicester** (12-...) and **Waterloo** travelled south to ...eat **London Scottish** (7-15).

Before these results are cited by ... biased as evidence of Northern ...remacy, we must turn our ...ention to the visit of England's ...st successful club, **Wasps**, to the ...rth-east. Wasps, at **Gosforth**, had ... them out of the John Player Cup ... scoring a drawn game's only try. ... Saturday a great gulf opened ...ween the teams, though the ...res were level at the *interval* after ...sforth had enjoyed wind advan...ge.

In defence of Gosforth, they were ...lding a sub-standard team which ...rtually disintegrated with the loss ... Richardson, Pollock and Briggs, ...rough injuries which were the ...re crucial as they possessed only ...e replacement. Johnson kicked Gosforth's *penalties*: Sumner (three), Hames, Stringer, Smith, Lozowski and Williams scored tries, while Stringer kicked four conversions in a 44-6 victory for Wasps.

In their Northern Merit visit to **Roundhay**, who are struggling to remain in the table, Orrell's remarkable troubles *proliferated*: a highly creditable away draw with Wasps last weekend was followed by a point-less encounter with Roundhay; *the standard of the rugby* dictated one's choice of words.

As a source of pleasure, the game was marginally preferable to a visit *to the dentist*: it was bedevilled by virtually every foofballing error, though the rich promise of Castleton, Roundhay's excellent *young No 8*, was apparent, in addition to the speed and enterprise of their lively scrum half, Dickinson.

Roundhay's full back, Cooper, struck a post with a drop-goal attempt and Carleton, with the line undefended, dropped a diabolical *pass that* was directed at his left knee.

A seventh title win for Hawick

By Iain Mackenzie

On the not unreasonable assumption that Selkirk will fail to beat Hawick by 157 points in their final *league match of the season a week* tomorrow, it can be argued that Hawick are Scottish club champions for the seventh time in the eleven *years of the official competition*.

At present Gala, the retiring champions, are level on points at the top of the table, but have *completed their programme* and are well behind on points difference. Weven the most optimistic supporter will not expect Selkirk to *achieve the impossible*.

Although Gala had a comfortable 27-9 win against West of Scotland in Glasgow on Saturday, the effort was *nullified by Hawick's 45-4 win* over **Boroughmuir** at Mansfield Park. The margin was four goals, three tries, a drop goal and two penalty *goals to a single try late in the game*. By that time it did not matter, although it was in fact only the third try conceded by the Borderers in the league this season.

A try by Keith Mitchell, a conversion by Colin Gass and a drop goal from Jim Renwick had the score standing at *9-0* with scarcely five minutes gone and, when half time came with the total at 27-0, the contest, if it was ever *such*, was over. *It says much* for the Hawick brand of running rugby that in conditions more appropriate to he Winter Olympic Games (the *match ended in a blizzard*) they scored seven tries.

At the other end of the table, Melrose, by virtue of their win at *Kilmarnock by a goal to a penalty* goal, survived for another first division season and simultaneously *consigned Kilmarnock to relegation, along with Haddington*, whos cause was lost some weeks ago.

In the second division, **Portobello**, who rose from the seventh *division in consecutive seasons*, often without losing, stumbled at the final hurdle in their attempt to reach the top section. They lost 12-10 at *home* to **Edinburgh Academicals**, who finished runners-up to Glasgow Academicals and so edged in for a crack at Hawick and Gala next season.

Glasgow High – Kelvinside and **Aberdeen Grammar School FP**, who both lost on Saturday, are the *relegated* clubs to division three. They are due to be replaced by **Edinburgh Wanderers** and **Dunfermline**, two clubs with long histories but little success in recent seasons.

First division leaders

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawick	12	12	0	0	425	44	24
Gala	13	12	0	1	289	75	24
Stewarts-Mel FP	13	9	0	4	327	151	18
Kelso	13	9	0	4	264	161	18
Heriot's FP	12	8	1	3	256	145	17
Watsonians	13	8	0	5	208	190	16

Forwards help Newport to regain self-respect

By Gerald Davies

Newport 16
Neath 0

"Is this game ever going to produce any excitement?" was a question one spectator at least was prompted to ask. The poor man had to wait 15 minutes for the first three quarter movement, and, since it came from the home team, it raised an enthusiatic, not ironic, cheer.

It had been an agressive forward confrontation until then and, apart from the occasional darting burst by Robinson, that is largely how it remained for almost the whole of the game. After losing twice to Neath this year – once crucially in the quarter-final of the Welsh Cup – Newport restored some of their self-respect by winning by a goal, a try, and two penalties.

The bitterly cold wind inhibited handling. Both sides tried bravely to run, perhaps as a way of keeping warm, but the greasy surface also made running difficult and a change of direction impossible, so that it was a day for hard tackling, to which both sided were stubbornly committed. Neither team was capable of overcoming the conditions, or of each other's defences, so that the match developed into a series of scrums and lineouts.

To be kind, the connoisseur could be said to have appreciated the stern forward struggle, but in reality it was *as dull as the weather*.

Neath, with four changes in the pack which played in the Cup semi-final last weekend, are a young side, full of enthusiasm. Their back row and half-backs look to be the strength of the team. Yesterday they were forced to rearrange the rest of their back division when Harris, their prolific goal-kicker, had to leave the field with a hamstring injury. With him also went any chance Neath might have had of winning. He had kicked four penalties to win the semi-final last Saturday.

Inevitably it was from the scrum that the first points came. In the twenty-fifth minute Newport pushed Neath back over their line for Coombs to dive over. Ten minutes later, Powell and Collins drove from the back of the lineout and when they were stopped, Williams of Neath was caught offside. Wainfur kicked the penalty.

They carried out the same move after the interval, and Williams, not having learnt his lesson from the first, was caught again on the wrong side of the ruck. Wainfur again kicked the penalty. Finally Pocock pushed through a flimsy Neath defence and passed to Rendall to score near the posts. Wainfur converted.

SCORERS: Newport: Tries: Coombs, Rendall. Conversion: Wainfur. Penalties: Wainfur (2).
NEWPORT: A Wainfur; M Batten, C Williams, P Bight, C Wood; J Robinson, T Coombs; J Rawlins, M Watkins, R Morgan, R Collins, J Widdecombe, D Waters, R Powell (rep Pocock).
NEATH: N Harris (rep C Bridgewater); E Rees, S Powell, K Jones, G R Tucker, J Davies, G Gnojek; B Williams, P Hutchings, P Langford, P Pugh, H Richards, A Vaughan (rep M Richards), A Hopkins, D Morgan.
Referee: K Parfitt (Port Talbot).

Waterloo show strength

By Gordon Allan

London Scottish 7
Waterloo 15

The most surprising thing about this match at Richmond on Saturday was that it took Waterloo nearly an hour to score their try. Even playing into the wind in the first half, they pressed more threateningly than London Scottish. They won by a goal, two penalty goals and a dropped goal to a try and a dropped goal, and could have scored twice as many points.

You could see why Waterloo have *had such a good season. They are an* integrated team, well knit in the forwards, balanced at half back, strong, if not noticeably quick, in *the threequarters, and tacklers to the* last man.

Mainly because of Wilkinson, they kept the ball away from Scottish at the lineouts. Here, as elsewhere, Carfoot had all that a scrum half could ask from his pack.

It was a pity that so few came along to see McHarg playing probably his last home game for Scottish before retirement – although you never know with him. There was a cross-kick of his in the move leading to he Scottish try. He roved as usual, from lock to wing to full back, and back to lock again.

Scottish defended dourly and threw the ball around when they could. They led 7-3 at the interval: a dropped goal by Mitchell behind a lineout and a try by Gordon, begun inside the Scottish Half (somebody called it "intellectual rugby"), against a penalty by Cotter.

In the second half, King scored Waterloo's try from a break by Whitehead, Fletcher, with fine judgment of the wind, added the conversion and a penalty, and Carfoot dropped a goal from a scrummage. It was a measure of Waterloo's discipline and superiority that they never gave Scottish a *chance to kick a penalty*.

SCORERS: London Scottish: Try: Gordon. Dropped goal: Mitchell. Waterloo: Try: King. Conversion: Fletcher. Penalties: Cotter, Fletcher. Dropped goal: Carfoot.
LONDON SCOTTISH: S Irvine; A Scott, D Bruce-Lockhart, R Gordon, J Hume; A Mitchell, A Cushing; D Butcher, G Rendell, E Williams, D Buchanan, A McHarg, J Campbell-Lamerton, A Morrison, K Logan.
WATERLOO: J Tickle; M Cotter, S Christopherson, J Whitehead, C King; M Fletcher, D Cargoot; F McEverly, C Fisher, M Cain, M Leach, D Reed, N Wilkinson, S Gallagher, L Connor.
Referee: M Frary (London).

Sevens carnival provides reason to believe

Hongkong

It was the moment when Aberbunardene scored the try that won the Bowl championship for Sri *Lanka that* finally brought home the message. In a week in which rugby has, once again, emphasized *its unrivalled qualities* as a ...visive sport, the Hongkong invitation Sevens, sponsored by Hongkong Bank and Cathay Pacific, showed just the opposite.

There were teams from 24 countries in Hongkong for the event, including an All Black side, an English, an *Irish and* Welsh side, Australians, and the French Barbarians (a tautology if ever there was one).

Along with Sri Lanka, a team containing not one but three mercentile executives, *there* were teams from across the South Pacific, and from places in Asia where you would scarcely believe that rugby is played. The gutsy Canadians provided surprise *enough* by knocking Australia out of the main tournament. And there were plenty of rugby *countries yet more* obscure than Canada.

There was a team from Taipei, *entirely* Chinese, and a team from Thailand, a country with a Rugby Union of 50 members and a grand total of 1,500 players – and it was the Thais who got through to *the Bowls final, to* be beaten 16-10 by Sri Lanka thanks to that try from the copy-taker's night*mare already mentioned*.

There were three trophies to be played for on the second of the two *days*, with Sri Lanka winning the least eminent of the three. That was something that failed to curtail their joy. The Australians looked far less happy with their *triumph – they won* the losers' Plate, the middle competition, when they has been favourites to win the *tournament's* main competition for the third year running.

Sevens' greatest charm, of course, is its unpredictability, not that the Australians saw it quite like that. They failed to qualify for the principal cup competition after finishing level with Canada on *points* (a win and a draw each) and on tries scored – but losing on the toss of a coin.

In fact, there was a moment when the Australians nearly went down at the hands of the Solomon Islanders, who had in their number a man who looked rather more like Groucho Marx than Groucho himself did, a fellow called *Billy Charlton Aluta*, who, I suspect, chose his own middle name. He is also a Solomon Islands football international.

The South Seas hopes did not end with the passing of Billy and the lads: there was Fiji, much beloved by the audience, and showing alarming speed and handling ability of a bone-dry pitch. But another, dourer style of Sevens play was also meeting with spectacular success. The French Barbarians, including Serge Blanco, were whitewashed 20-0 by the New Zealanders in what was a total defeat of the poetic approach to the game.

The Hongkong crowd tends to act on the totally understandable belief that the highest form of sporting good is watching Australia getting beaten. Watching New Zealnd getting beaten is a highly acceptable second best. After the Australian debacle, we were spared a New Zealand and Australia final, which would have been like watching Satan versus Beelzebub.

The All Blacks were a fearsome side. As one might *have* expected, they were without charm, but they oozed authority, looking like seven extremely determined football referees bearing down on the opposition in a great black tide.

They were drawn against Fiji in the final, and after a pitch invasion by a band of New Zealanders perforing the Haka war dance, Fiji, by now firmly cast as the good guys, performed *their* own war dance back, and then got on with the rugby.

To bring a thoroughly delightful sporting weekend to a thoroughly stisfactory close, New Zealand were not beaten, but hammbered out of sight by an inspired display of Fijian ball-handling. Terrifying speed was only part of it: they had the ability to catch the ball and *hold it* with whichever part of their anatomy it happened to strike. Fiji won 26-0. And the next time I want to generalize about rugby union's record as an international sport, I shall count to 10 and think of Hongkong before I start.

Simon Barnes

SQUASH RACKETS

Rules make Zaman short and to the point

By Rex Bellamy

Four of the world's eight leading players collected a combined total of £10,825 when the Debenhams Vase tournament ended yesterday at Redwood Lodge Country Club, Bristol. Qamar Zaman beat Stuart Devenport 13-12, 13-10, 13-3 in the final, and Gawain Briars beat Hadayat Jahan 13-8, 12-13, 13-5, 13-7 in the play-off for third place. The final lasted 38 minutes, the play-off 43.

The unfamiliar scores and unexpected brevity of the matches are explained by the fact that the event was played under the rules of World Championship Squash, a promotional organisation who are trying to make squash more interesting for spectators. The most drastic change is that a point is scored from every rally, no matter who is serving.

A snap judgment based on yesterday's matches is that continual progress in the score gets rid of the usual longueurs and makes the *game more intelligible to the casual* onlooker. But the system seems to attach too much importance to fractional errors – in other words, to luck – *and to encourage sound* rather than adventurous shot-making.

On the other hand, it did wonders for Zaman's concentration, notably when he saved seven game balls in coming back from 6-12 down in the first game. In the third game, his volleying touch was superb, and Davenport went to pieces.

In the other match, Briars masked his intentions cutely, and demanded that Jahan should hustle about the court faster than was reasonable. Jahan did not recover position to the T-junction as quickly as he used to.

The professional tournament was held in conjunction with the family championships which began in September with an entry of 796 teams of two. Like plays like (father plays father, and so on)

DEBENHAMS VASE: Final: Q Zaman (Pak) bt S Davenport (NZ), 13-12, 13-3. Third place play-off: G Briars (GB) bt H Jahan (GB), 13-8, 12-13, 13-5, 13-7.
FAMILY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Finals: Father and son: J and M Cairns bt K and N Scott, 3-3 (34 points to 32). Father and daughter: M and Miss L Watson bt B and Mrs A Mason, 4-3. Brother and sister: S and Mrs L Walshaw bt T and Miss E Slaney, 4-3. Husband and wife: Stuart and Jane Courtney bt John and Joanne McGhee, 6-2. Mother and daughter: Mrs D and Miss C Corbett bt Mrs M and Miss J *McCubbin*, 4-3.

TENNIS

Sapsford talks himself into winning title

By Lewine Mair

Danny Sapsford yesterday talked himself through a riveting final against Austen Brice, the first seed, to snatch the 16-and-under title in the Saab grand final at Bramhall.

With frequent slaps of his thigh and sundry calls of "Come on" Sapsford untimately won 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, against an opponent more than a year older than himself. The standard of tennis was encouraging, *especially the lobs unleashed by the* diminutive Sapsford.

Having lost twice to Annie Simpkin in the winter qualifying competitions, Jane Wood, of Middlesex, had her revenge when she took the 16-and-under title 6-0, 2-6, 6-0.

As these girls are the two hardest hitters in this age group the match was never lacking in excitement, but Miss Wood's sense of adventure – *something which has got her into* trouble in the past – paved the way for what is her first national title.

Allison Hill, who won the 14-and-under girls title, *deserved* nothing but praise for the way in which she gritted her teeth and went for her shots against Julie Donovan, a *youngster renowned for her concentration* and consistency.

Smong the boys at 14-and-under level, Colin Beecher attacked to *great effect in both his first and third* set to defeat Jeffrey Hunter 6–2, 1–6, 6–1.

CYCLING

Cold-blooded tactics cannot deny the quality of Kelly

From John Wilcockson, Merebeke, Belgium

For the second time in two weeks, Sean Kelly has finished second in the European classic. But the Irishman's performance yesterday in the Tour of Flanders emphatically proved that he is currently the most accomplished professional in the world.

In the Milan–San Remo race last month, it took an inspired Francesco Moser to beat him. Yesterday, only cold-blooded team tactics gave victory to the Dutchman, Joss Lammerts, one of two Panasonic-Raleigh riders who had tagged Kelly during a spectacular break in the final 40 minutes of this 166-mile race.

"It wasn't sporting, the way the two Raleigh men acted", Kelly *complained at the finish, where he* easily won the sprint for second place, 25sec after Lammerts had crossed the line for the first classic *win of his career*.

Neither Lammerts nor his teammate, Ludo de Keulenaer, of Belgium, contributed to the success of the ultimate six-man break. "They just followed until the last kilometres", the Irish rider said, "and then I had to chase each time they attacked.

On a dry, cold day, the 181 starters remained together for most of the 90 miles until the half-mile climb of the narrow, cobbled Kwaremont, where the Panasonic team were already dictating the pace. They drew 40 men away to a clear lead by the even steeper Koppenberg hill. Here, Kelly just averted falling in a domino-effect crash. But he was eighth over the top to join 11 others in the first real break.

With him were four Panasonic men, including Phil Anderson, of Australia, but 16 others linked up with them during the following 15 miles on a succession of cobbled lanes.

Then, 56 miles from the finish, the seeds were sown for the eventual winning move. A two-minute lead was taken by de Keulenaer, Rudy Matthys and Ferdi van den Haute, and more riders joined the chasing group, including the champion, Greg Lemond, who had been delayed by three crashes.

RESULT: 1, J Lammerts (Neth), 166 miles in 6hr 53min 45sec; 2, S Kelly (Ire), at 25secs; 3, J Vandenbroucke (Bel); 4, P Vandenbrande (Bel); 5, R Matthys (Bel); 6, L de Keulenaer (Bel); 7, G Braun (WG) at 44sec; 8, L Colyn (Bel) at 49sec. Other placings: 15, G Lemond at 49 sec; 23, P Anderson (Aus) at 49sec.

Walsham wins with a flourish

Mark Walsham, the 21-year-old international squad rider, won the Grand Prix Pernod international race at Beaconsfield yesterday, covering the 108 miles in 4hr 11min 33sec. Walsham, of Chesterfield, outsprinted the British Olympic hope Mark Bell, of Manchester Wheelers, who won this event last year.

Per Sandahl of Denmark was third with Darryl Webster (Manchester Wheelers) fourth and Alan Gornall (Clayton Velo), fifth. These five came together with 11 miles to go and left their sprint until 200 yards to go when Webster led out his teammate Bell, only for Walsham to surprise them both.

Webster won the mountains specification awarded on points gathered at 22 hill sprints of the tough Chiltern circuit.

RESULT: 1, M Walsham (Chesterfield), 4hrs 11mins 33secs; 2, M Bell (Manchester Wheelers), 4:11:34; 3, P Sandahl (Den), 4:11:35; 4, D Webster (Manchester W), 4:11:35; 5, A Gornell (Clayton Velo), 4:11:35; 6, K Morgan (CC Luton), 4:12:22.

HOCKEY

E Grinstead win on penalties

By Sydney Friskin

East Grinstead 1
Southgate 1

East Grinstead claimed their second big scalp in the club championship when they eliminated Southgate in the quarter-final roun on penalty strokes after extra time yesterday. In the first round they had beaten Slough 3-2.

The penalty-stroke barrage was taken mainly in a swirling snow shower during which Ian Taylor, the East Grinstead goalkeeper, made three saves. Owen, in goal for Southgate, saved twice but Richard Leman's conversion won the match for East Grinstead by 8-7 on strokes.

Southgate will look back ruefully on the penalty stroke they missed in the last minute of extra time. Western, who took it, had Taylor moving the wrong way but the shot missed the mark. In extra time Southgate earned eight short corners, but 12 altogether in the match.

In a first half dominated by Southgate, Taylor came to the rescue of East Grinstead, saving from Moulton, Shaw and Craig.

East Grinstead raised their game in the second half and van Asselt put them in the lead in the fifteenth minute, picking up a free hit from the right by James Leman. But within two minutes Southgate drew level, Kerly scoring on the follow-up from a short corner.

EAST GRINSTEAD: I Taylor; M Leman (captain), S Cole, (sub. A Bass), M Thompson (sub P Lloyd), R Leman, H Bentley, J Leman, N Longstreet, B van Asselt, G Lee, I Westwood.
SOUTHGATE: D J Owen; J Duthie, M Spray, D Craig, (captain), A Wallace, J Shaw, R Dodds, S Kerly, P Moulton, D Thomas, (sub A Western) M Allcock.
Umpires: Bhawa Singh (Midland Counties) J Halfacre (Eastern Counties).
QUARTER FINAL ROUND: Pickwick 0 Blackheath 1; Fareham 1 Bedford 0; Blueharts 0 Hounslow 1. The Semi-final draw: (April 14 at Willesden): East Grinstead v Fareham; Hounslow v Blackheath.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Intentions never in doubt

By Keith Macklin

Going to Wembley in May is regarded as an annual family outing in Widnes. So much so that League officials wonder whether the shine has gone off the occasion for Widnes followers, producing the threat of a below-par attendance for the big derby confrontation with Wigan on May 5.

The Widnes players, however, have certainly not lost their appetite for Wembley. They put an end to the Leeds hoodoo with a tremendous display of tackling which blunted all Leeds's assaults but one, and scored two splendid tries, one in each half, in a 15-4 semi-final triumph at Swinton on Saturday.

They went into a quick lead with a brilliant try by Burke, who linked up after a neat switch of play between Adams and Gregory. Burke kicked a long-range penalty after adding the points to his own try, and O'Neill dropped a goal, to make it 9-0. Leeds came back briefly just before half-time, Holmes and Webb sending in Martin.

In the second half, despite facing a fierce wind, Widnes tackled with the determination of men intent on reaching Wembley for the seventh time in 10 years; and Lydon ran 55 yards for a brilliant individual try.

In yesterday's championship games, the two Hull clubs swept onwards towards a title confrontation, with big wins at Wakefield and Whitehaven. Warrington won at Bradford to maintain their challenge, but Castleford suffered an unexpectedly heavy defeat at Leigh.

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern 16, Warrington 19; Leigh 30, Castleford 4; St Helens 31, Oldham 20; Wakefield Trinity 11, Hull KR 48; Whitehaven 10, Hull 28; Wigan 26, Featherstone Rovers 12.
SECOND DIVISION: Barrow 54, Batley 2; Blackpool Borough 36, Doncaster 12; Carlisle 24, York 26; Dewsbury 42, Rochdale Hornets 15; Huddersfield 25, Bramley 10; Huyton 19, Halifax 12; Swinton 66, Keighley 1; Workington Town 21, Kent Invicta 12.

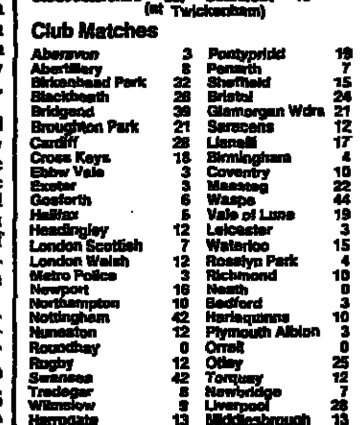
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RUGBY UNION

County Championship Final

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TOUR MATCHES: Esher Cardinals 13, Mid-West USA 18; Amsterdam AC 16, Ipswich Veterans XV 38.

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TRAMPOLINING

BIRMINGHAM: National schools championship: Under 11: Girls: V Webb (Isle of Wight), 55.5. Boys: I Malton (Grimsby), 54.2. Under 13: Girls: J Turner (Isle of Wight), 54.8. Boys: L Porter (Bournemouth), 57.5. Under 15: Girls: S ... [illegible]

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RACING: HALLO DANDY'S TRIUMPH IS TRIBUTE TO EXPERTISE OF RICHARDS AND DOUGHTY

How Aintree fell to the professionals

By Michael Seely

"Look at that surcingle," roared Gordon Richards as his rolling boxer's walk carried him high on adrenalin towards the Aintree paddock half an hour after Hallo Dandy's triumph in the Grand National on Saturday. The trainer pointed at Colourful Paddy, his runner in the next race, who was parading around the ring with the offending item of tack banging loose. "I can't have that. I must go and put it right. I'm a professional."

Indeed professionalism held the key to the result of one of the most trouble-free Nationals of all time. A record 23 horses completed the course. And Hallo Dandy, Greasepaint, Corbiere and Lucky Vane had all been specially prepared for the race by Gordon Richards, Dermot Weld, Jenny Pitman and Toby Balding, the respective trainers.

An exhilarating first lap by Burnt Oak had ensured a strong gallop. Then at Valentine's Brook the last time round, Greasepaint started to stretch his rivals. Remarkably, the next seven horses in the betting were among the favourite's closest attendants at this point.

The pace started to tell as Eliogarty, Broomy Bank and Grittar began to fade from the picture. The gallant Earthstopper was still holding his position, but Corbiere and Lucky Vane were starting to be left behind. Only Neale Doughty and Hallo Dandy were closing on the leader.

Never has a jockey been more wrongly condemned beforehand than Tommy Carmody. And how magnificently did the Irish stylist silence his detractors as he cunjured exultant leap after exultant leap from Greasepaint. Carmody also proved to be a sound judge when Doughty said to him, as they crossed the Melling Road, "You've got me beat." "I'm not so sure abut that," was the Carmody's immediate answer.

Doughty had also ridden a pefect race. His patient tactics paid dividends as Hello Dandy took the lead between the last two fences. Greasepaint was by no means done with, however, and as Carmody rode one of his typical power-packed finishes, the issue was still in doubt at th elbow. However, despite hanging to the right on the run-in and crossing over to the stand rails. Hello Dandy went clear in the final 100 yards to win by four lengths. Corbiere rallied gamely to take third place. one and a half lengths further away, followed by Lucky Vane. Earthstopper finished fifth but collapsed and died after the post. "He literally ran his heart out", was the tribute from Richard Rowe, his jockey. "I thought he'd nearly win with two to run. But what a brave horse!"

Grittar and Spartan Missile, those two redoubtable Aintree warriors, finished tenth and sixteenth, respectively. "Grittar is not as good as he was, John Francome said. Spartan Missile' got a bit older and they go too quick for him nowadays," was John Whites comment.

Yerman, the 1983 third, came seventeenth and Canford Ginger was last of the 23 to complete. Hello Dandy's time of 9 min 21.4 sec was well outside Red Rum's record.

Val Alder's attempt to become the first woman to win the National on Bush Guide came to an abrupt halt at the first Canal Turn: "I had a lovely ride for seven fences, but was then pecked off. Never mind, I'll be back next year."

Yesterday the triumphant winning trio of Richards, Doubty and Hallo Dandy went to the "Boot and Shoe" in Greystoke to celebrate. And like Lucius before him in 1978, Hello Dandy was given a pint of Guinness with which to toast his own victory. Larry Poland, the conquering hero's devoted lad, said: "I didn't have a bet, but this must be the greatest thing that ever happened."

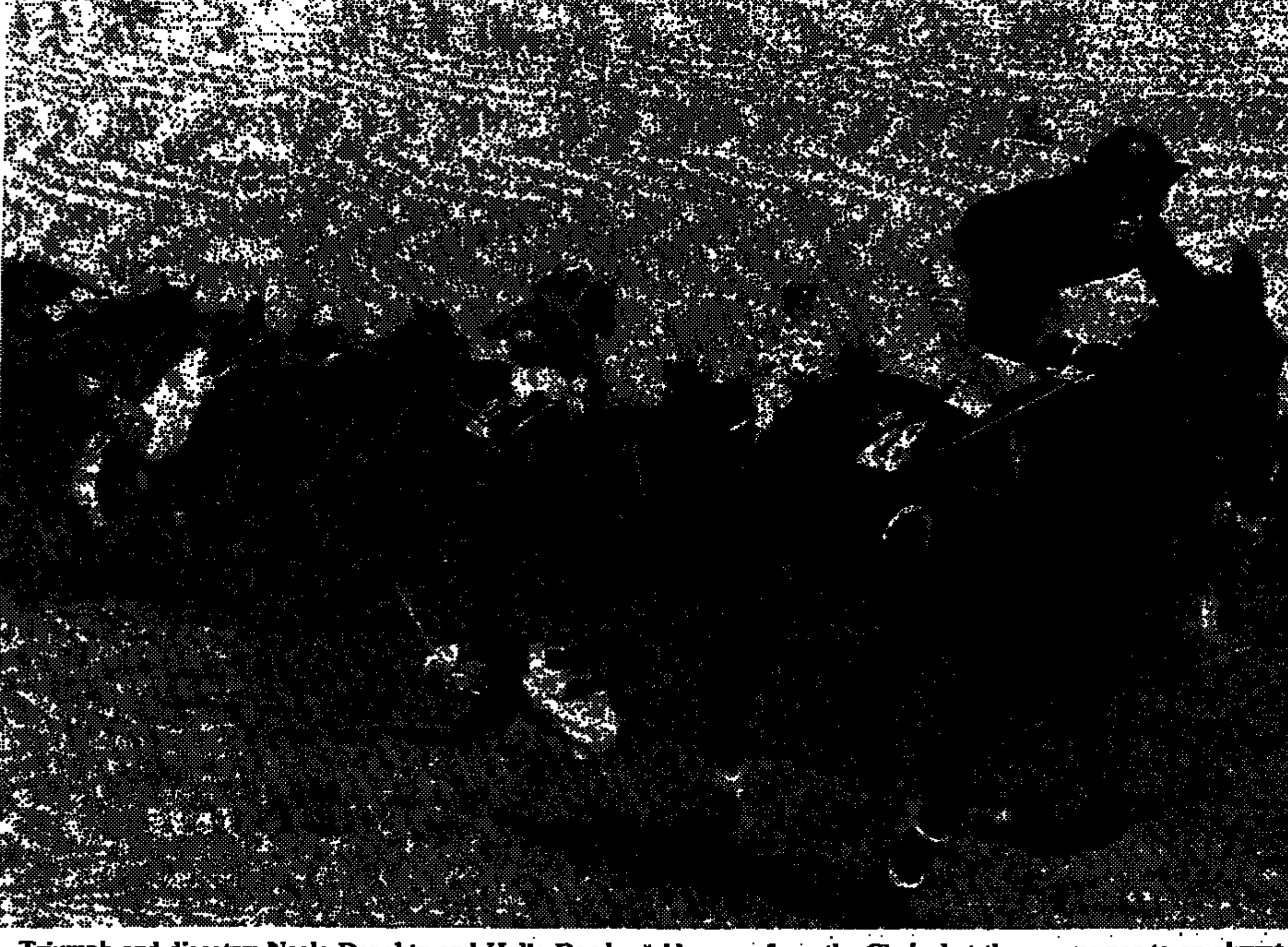
Richards, the 53-year-old son of a Bath timber merchant, has been operating in Cumbria since 1964. The names of Playlord, Titus Oates, Sea Pigeon and Lucius pay tribute to his skill as a trainer, but Richards is also known as the man who launched Ron Barry and John O'Neill on their roads to fame. Now Doughty bids fair to follow in their footsteps.

"They went too fast for us on the first circuit," the 26-year-old son of a Welsh foundry worker said, "but I had no worries from Becher's the last time round. Hallo Dandy is such a fantastic lepper. I must say I got a bit worried when he started to drift to the right. But I knew he'd run through when we reached the running rails."

Hallo Dandy is owned by Richard Shaw, a 47-year-old London insurance broker, who lives in Kensington. "There are 1,400 staff in my London office. And I know 1,200 of them backed Hallo Dandy, so I should be safe to go in on Monday." Mr Shaw admitted to having landed a substantial betting coup as well as collecting the first-prize money of £54,769. "I started at 100-1 immediately after last year's race and I didn't stop. I won't tell you what I've won, but I'm a lucky man."

Rumour has it that as late as Friday evening the owner offered Francome a substantial sum of money to ride Hallo Dandy. Doughty reacted angrily to these allegations. "Hallo Dandy's my ride. I've been helping to get him ready all season just for this. There was no way I was going to allow myself to be jocked off at the last minute." Mr Shaw later denied that the offer had been made.

After paying a final tribute to Richards, not only for having laid his reputation on the line by saying that Hallo Dandy was going to win the National but also for completing a treble with Little Bay and Jennie Pat, it only remains to salute Seagrams for having saved the world's most spectacular steeplechase for the foreseeable future and also Chris Collins, the chairman of Aintree and his board



Triumph and disaster: Neale Doughty and Hallo Dandy stride away from the Chair, but the race comes to an abrupt end for Graham Bradley and Ronnie Beggan with falls from Ashley House and Carl's Wager.

De Haan has only praise for Corky

By David Miller

At seven in the morning there is a crisp sheen of frost on Aintree's historic course. Corbiere's breath hangs on the air at the end of his constitutional breakfast stretch, and in the bracing dawn he bucks with expectant zeal. He is ready.

In these early hours there is a marvellous feeling of occasion as the superb, brave horses and riders take the first strides of another momentous day. There are few people about. The trainers and a few owners, including Jenny Pitman and Alan and Brian Burrough, have a welcome instant coffee from an opportunist mobile stallholder. This is a world in which, whatever your trade, you largely make your own luck, however much of a lottery is this most famous of steeplechases.

Grittar, ears pricked, looks as aristocratic as the watching tweed-suited Lord Manton, Senior Steward of the Jockey Club. Can John Francome guide the 1982 winner to another triumph? A proportion of the thin but knowing gathering have the ruby, angular faces of Irishmen who have had little more than a couple of hours' sleep after another night of reminiscence and optimism, and at this moment can more readily offer you the name of the winner than give their own.

A group moves off down the course, across the ash-covered Melling Road towards the five fences which precede Becher's. Ben de Haan, an unassuming jockey who again partners Corbiere, walks close to the inside rail on the track he will follow in eight hours' time. At each of the daunting fences he pauses, usually with some quiet jest or other.

As last year, he has an unshakeable faith in his horse's jumping capacity. David Stait, Mrs Pitman's affable working partner, thinks "Corky" has reached his peak just right, rather than too early as last year: "For three weeks we were wishing the race was the next day."

At Becher's recently burned by vandals, de Haan notices that the protective foliage seems thin. "It's the financial cutbacks," he laughs. The inside course, he believes (as does Mrs Pitman), gives you the clearer run – although Neale Doughty and Hallo Dandy will in the event win by taking the wider outside course most of the way.

Between the seventh and Canal Turn the turf is seriously scarred, but the going will be firm for a fast race. After the 12th fence, de Haan notices for the first time the dip just after re-crossing the Melling Road. Once the race has begun, he says, incidentals disappear. In the afternoon, he will hope to be pushing through by this stage from among the first dozen to join the leaders.

The race goes to plan, until the second Canal Turn. With Burnt Oak way out ahead, Corbiere nestles comfortably on the inside just behind Grittar, and is probably eighth at the first Canal Turn, ahead of what Mrs Pitman had reckoned.

"He's a stayer, and he was jumping like a stag, just as last year. When he jumps the way he does, you get length in the air, and we couldn't help being so well up", de Haan says.

At the end of the first circuit they are still eighth: then seventh at the second Canal Turn after another eight untroubled fences. Now de Haan intends to move up, but Corbiere, carrying top weight of 12st, does not respond.

"I thought we would finish where we were, well back, because we were then flat down on the boards with nothing to spare", de Haan says.

It is now Hallo Dandy who moves to the front with Greasepaint as Earthstopper and Grittar falter. Corbiere's stamina at last comes into its own approaching the last two fences. He overhauls the ill-fated Earthstopper, holds off Lucky Vane, and is still gaining on the first two at the line. Another furlong may have made the difference for this champion seeking to emulate Red Rum's successive victories.

"For him to run like that with 12st was marvellous. He's one of the stars", a grateful de Haan says.



Neale Doughty: wider course to victory

ATHLETICS

Nehemiah fails to become an amateur

Newark, New Jersey (Reuter) – Renaldo Nehemiah, the former world record-holder in the high hurdles, yesterday lost a Federal court bid to be reinstated as an amateur in time for the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Judge Clarkson Fisher denied an application by Nehemiah that he (Fisher) order The Athletics Congress (TAC) and the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) immediately to arbitrate his request to compete as an amateur.

He said that Nehemiah would have to wait until the IAAF meets during the Olympic Games, when a six-member arbitration board will be appointed.

Judge Fisher agreed that he had jurisdiction in the matter, but said Nehemiah had failed to show he had a reasonable likelihood of success in his appeal or that he would suffer any irreparable damage if the appeal were not immediately heard.

Nehemiah was deemed to be a professional when he signed a contract with the San Francisco 49ers of the National Football League two years ago.

● American Civil Liberties Union, asked the Federal Judge in Los Angeles at the end of last week for a preliminary injunction to order the Los Angeles Organizing Committee to include the 5,000 and 10,000 metres events for women in this summer's Olympic Games (Robin Gregg writes).

United States District Judge David Kenyon took this sex discrimination suit under submission and said he would rule on the case "within a few days".

Impressive Britons steal show

From Pat Butcher, New York

Geoff Smith's preparation for the Boston Marathon went to plan despite a 24-hour 'flu bug that kept him in bed all day Friday before winning the Perrier 10 kilometre road race in Central Park on Saturday.

Smith's win, in 29 min 41 sec, was his fourth in a row in this race, but a lot of the thunder was stolen by another Briton, when Angela Tooby knocked more than three minutes off the women's race record when she won in 32:14.

When Miss Tooby shot to the front in her world cross-country championship debut and led for the most of the race, held just outside New York a week earlier, it was the first that most American athletics followers had heard of the Welsh athlete. But her decision to stay to run in the Peier event will be handsomely repaid, for it is now running which rules in the United States, and offers from race directors are certain to flood in.

Smith is in his final term of a business course at Rhode Island College and cannot afford the time to return for the London marathon in mid-May. But if he wins in Boston on April 16 in anything around 2 hr 10 min, after setting a British best of 2:09.08 in his marathkon debut in New York last October, then he will be booked for another major American city marathon, the Olympic race in Los Angeles.

Angela Tooby: record run

Setback for top couple

By David Powell

With six weeks to go before the London marathon, the two leading British contenders both suffered setbacks in their preparations yesterday. Mike Gratton and Priscilla Welch had been cast as favourites to win their respective divisions and secure Olympic selection but both suffered comprehensve defeats in their last major warm-up race, the Thamesmead half-marathon.

Gratton could finish no higher than eighth in a race won by Emiel Puttemans, of Belgium, a former world record holder for 5,000 metres, while Mrs Welch was beaten by a competitor for the first time in a dozen races in Britain. Both insisted that little should be read into their performances, Gratton saying he was still optimistic of retaining his London title and Mrs Welch explaining that her recent move from Nuneaton to Kingston upon Thames, where she is living in an hotel, had unsettled her.

Her conqueror was Sarah Rowell, who gave up county hockey in favour of running two years ago but is now, at 21, the most exciting marathon prospect in the country. Ian Thompson, the former Commonwealth and European champion, was fourteenth but still believes in his ability to make the Olympic team. "It the class is there it never disappears," he said.

NOTTINGHAM

GOING: soft

Draw: 5, 6f: high numbers best

1.30 MANNA MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £684: 1m 50yd) (19 runners)

3	02-	CRISP (J Bodie) J Tree 9-0	Pat Eddery	8
11	0040-	INFINITY RULES (Metal-Woods Ltd) S Mellor 9-0	M Wigham	10
12	0-	KIOWA (T Ellis) P Haslam 9-0	J Scally 7	18
14	00000-	LEGAL LAD (P Scott) P Rohan 9-0	R Fahey 7	3
16	00-	MASTER LAD (J Mebee) G Huffer 9-0	J Bleasdale	7
17		MEGIDDO (K Bethel) R Boss 9-0	N Day	19
19	00-	POLYNOR (Mrs J Sinclair) M Ryan 9-0	P Robinson	9
25	0-	SPRING PURSUIT (Conley Properties) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn 3	16
26	0-	TELE-LINK (Tele-Link Archives) D Arbuthnot 9-0	J Reid	5
30	0	TROPICAL WAY (B Coates) P Walwyn 9-0	J Mercer	15
31	023-	VILLAGE POSTMAN (G Bates) W Guest 9-0	B Rouse	11
33	0-	ALVA GLEN (G Cumming) W Musson 8-11	N Crowther	13
34	0-	BOB-DOUBLE (R Lee) R Whitaker 8-11	P Doughty 7	4
35	0000-	BROCKTON (Mrs J Lockwood) J Smith 8-11	S Webster	1
39	44004-	PROCEEDING (Mrs B Ward) A Jarvis 8-11	J Lowe	12
40	00000-	RIBOBELLE (T Chandler) R Thompson 8-11	–	17
41		RIVER LINNET (J Brown) M Lambert 8-11	D Oldham	2
42	0000-	ROYAL DACHA (C Meyer) M Blanshard 8-11	R Cochrane	6
43	000-	STONEY BOAT INN (N Chapman) R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	14

1983: Abandoned – waterlogged course.

15-8 Crisp, 3 Village Postman, 4 Tropical Way, 7 Spring Pursuit, 8 Proceeding, 12 Alva Glen, 15 others.

FORM: CRISP (9-0) 2l 2nd to Librate (9-0) (Warwick 1m, £690, yielding, Oct 10). INFINITY RULES 8th last time, previously (9-0) 8½l 4th to Mafoo's Image (9-0) (Salisbury 7f, £1,268, good, Sept 8). POLYNOR (9-0) 12½l 5th to Kuwait Palace (9-0) (Edinburgh 1m, £896, good, Sept 19). SPRING PURSUIT (8-11) 15½l 8th to Water Moccasin (8-3) (Windsor 6f, £690, good to firm, Aug 15). TROPICAL WAY (9-0) 10th to Saturien (9-0) (Newmarket 6f, £2,918, good to firm, Oct 28). VILLAGE POSTMAN (8-11) 6½l 3rd to Carocrest (8-11) (Longfield 7f, £2,245, good, Aug 5). PROCEEDING (8-7) 5½l 4th to K-Battery (8-9) (Redcar 7f, £1,279, good to firm, Oct 25).
Selection: VILLAGE POSTMAN.

Nottingham selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Crisp. 2.0 Farid Pour. 2.30 SWIFT PALM (nap). 3.0 Prince Concorde. 3.30 Meeson Secret. 4.0 Vee Bee. 4.30 Video Rocket.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.30 Village Postman. 2.0 Free As Air. 2.30 Obadiah. 3.0 Khyber. 3.30 Dun Our Luck. 4.0 Tower Of Strength. 4.30 Persian Pleasure.

By Michael Seely

1.30 Crisp. 2.30 SWIFT PALM (nap). 4.0 Vee Bee.

2.0 MANNA MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £684: 1m 50yd) (18)

1	0-	AQUARIUS SPIRIT (Mrs W Fine) W Musson 9-0	N Crowther	6
6	23-	FARIDPOUR (H H Aga Khan) R Houghton 9-0	S Cauthen	9
7	000-	FREE AS AIR (Mrs B Fyfe-Jamieson) B Hobbs 9-0	G Baxter	14
10	0-	HIGH MOON (J Rowles) J Leigh 9-0	J Reid	13
13	0330-	KUWAIT DAY (Sheik Fahad) G Huffer 9-0	M Rimmer 3	1
20	430-	RECORD HARVAST (Sheikh Mohammed) M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	7
21	30-	RIXIE (D Fisher) M Ryan 9-0	P Robinson	3
23	3	SHAULA (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 9-0	J Mercer	5
24	00000-	SPICE MARKET (Mrs O Lusty) S Matthews 9-0	B Jago	4
27	00-	THE GAME'S UP (M Blewitt) P Haslam 9-0	Paul Eddery	15
28	3-	TRAFFITANZI (P Meredew) R Boss 9-0	Pat Eddery	18
32	00-	WHISKEY EYES (S Glass) S Mellor 9-0	M Wigham	11
36	0-	DASSELLS (J Sung) M Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	2
37	00-	GLEN NA SMOLE (Miss J Hester) J Sutcliffe 8-11	G Sexton	12
38	00000-	LAFROWDA (R Warren) R Hoad 8-11	A Bond	16
44	0-	TIPO STYLE (A Aldnal) G Huffer 8-11	B Crossley	10
45	0-	TRY TIFFANY (Tadwood Ltd) R Baker 8-11	R Fox	8
46	0-	VIRGIN ISLE (T Ellis) P Haslam 8-11	J Scally 7	17

9-4 Shaula, 100-30 Traffitanzi, 4 Faridpour, 6 Kuwait Day, 8 Record Harvest, 10 Rixie, 14 others.

FORM: FARIDPOUR (9-0) 6l 3rd to Mafoo's Image (9-0) (Salisbury 7f, £1,268, good, Sept 8). FREE AS AIR (9-0) 9th to Rainbow Quest (9-0) (Newmarket 7f, £4,073, good, Aug 25). KUWAIT DAY unplaced last time, previously ½l 3rd to Lord Lux (9-0) (Yarmouth 7f, £1,035, firm, Aug 3). RECORD HARVEST (9-0) 15½l 5th to Lallax (8-11) (Chester 7f, £1,619, good Aug 19). RIXIE 5th last time, previously (9-0) 3l 3rd to Trial By Error (9-0) (Yarmouth 7f, £1,035, good, Sept 15). SHAULA (9-0) 3½l 3rd to Taraius (9-0) (Doncaster 7f, £2,802, soft, March 24). TRAFFITANZI (9-0) 2l 3rd to Maypole Dancer (9-0) (Warwick 1m, £690, yielding, Oct 10).
Selection: RIXIE.

2.30 CORONACH HANDICAP (£2,043: 1m 2f) (23)

1	120/00-	CORDITE SPEAR (Mrs S Tainton) J Bosley 5-10-0	Pat Eddery	20
3	020000	ROMOSS (F Lafferty Builders) R Whitaker 6-9-11	–	3
4	030230-	SOCKS UP (R Houghton) R Houghton 7-9-9	Sherry Cooper 7	12
6	141200-	WE'LL MEET AGAIN (D) (R Gibbons) C Benstead 7-9-5	B Rouse	21
7	00043-0	MY TONY (Elisha Holdings) G Lewis 4-9-4	Paul Eddery	4
8	00000-0	SUGAR LOCH (R McAlpine) R Francis 4-9-4	–	11
9	/00030-	CUMULUS (E Turner) G Vergette 6-9-2	P D'Arcy	15
10	31000-0	CARRIAGE WAY (R Reynolds) R Stubbs 10-9-1	D Nicholls	9
11	000000-	EVEN BANKER (D) (L Ward) D Sasse 5-9-0	D McKay	7
13	000244-	TACHYROS (T Thompson) M Ryan 4-8-11	P Robinson	16
14	000410-	TEEJAY (C) (J Ogden) M Camacho 5-8-11	N Connorton	18
15	/20200-	IOWA (W Harrison-Allan) C Wildman 5-8-11	T Williams 7	10
17	240000-	NORTH BRITON (W Gredley) C Brittain 5-8-10	T Ives	5
18	400400-	NASHAAB (D) (Hamad Ali) C Benstead 4-8-10	W R Swinburn	13
19	034001-	RECORD WING (CD) (Mrs P Long) D H Jones 6-8-9	R Hills 3	8
20	0/020-	SAMANDER (A Aldnal) P Haslam 4-8-8	G Sexton	6
21	/00400-	TOUR DE FORCE (Mrs D Strauss) P Makin 4-8-8	S Cauthen	17
24	0/0030-	FABULOSA (Mrs J Ramos) W Guest 4-8-6	R Cochrane	23
25	33000-2	SWIFT PALM (Nimrod Co) P Cundell 7-8-4	J H Brown 5	2
27	0/2224-	OBADIAH (Miss A Lanham) H Westbrook 5-8-1	W Carson	19
28	/00000-	SDENKA ROYAL (B) (Mrs D Blackburn) A Hide 5-8-1	G Duffield	1
31	0/0420-	NOBLE WAY (H Ford) M Chapman 4-7-10	–	22
32	400000-	ELISETTA (J Prenoce) M Blanshard 4-7-9	N Adams 7	14

11-4 Swift Palm, 11-2 We'll Meet Again, 6 My Tony, 13-2 Obadiah, 7 Iowa, Cordite Spear, 8 Teejay, 12 Tachyros, 16 others.

FORM: WE'LL MEET AGAIN (8-0) well behind in race won by Folly Hill (8-1) at Sandown (1m 2f, £3350, good, Oct 18), with EVEN BANKER (7-12) 6th, beaten just over 6l. SUGAR LOCH (8-8) out of first ten behind Concert Pitch (8-8) at Concaster (1m, £2897, good to firm, Mar 23.) with SWIFT PALM (7-10) 2nd, beaten ½ and CARRIAGE WAY (8-3) nearly 9l to Rekal (8-9) at Goodwood (1m 2f £2260, good, Sept 27), when Elisetta (7-8) 6th, beaten under 7l RECORD WING (7-12) beat Profit Warrant (7-13) 2l at Lingfield (1m 2f, £2631, good to soft, Oct 14), with WE'LL MEET AGAIN (9-1), favourite just under 12l away 8th. FABULOSA tailed off Ayr Sept, earlier (8-5) ¾l 3rd to underbid (8-8) in Pontefract Maiden (1m 2f,£690, firm, June 21). OBADIAH (7-11) 2l 4th to Hazel Bush (7-9) at Leicester (1m 4f, £2729, firm Oct 31), with NORTH BRITON (8-1). Just over 3 ½ back in 9th
Selection: SWIFT PALM.

3.0 CALL BOY HANDICAP (£1,914: 1m 5f) (20)

1	220230-	TROPICAL MIST (S Grinstead) G Thorner 4-9-11	J Johnson	14
2	09410-1	PRINCE CONCORDE (D) (Blythe Hall Farm) E Carter 4-9-8 (6 ex)	Wendy Carter 7	16
3	300/43-	SACRED PATH (Mrs C Heath) J Bethell 4-9-4	J Matthias	20
4	00033-0	TEMPLE BAR (Barclays Hotels) C Brittain 4-9-3	T Ives	12
5	420/30-	LOUVIERS (W Peacock) G Richards 6-9-3	W Carson	7
6	230001-	KHYBER (D Duggal) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-9-3	G Duffield	4
7	003300-	PEARLPIN (G Pemberton) R Whitaker 4-9-2	S Perks	10
9	014340-	BEN'S BIRDIE (Mrs A Thompkins 4-8-13	R Carter 7	19
10	/00300-	SUNLEY BUILDS (Bernard Sunley) G Hunter 6-8-13	S Webster	17
11	002400-	LISAILY (Mrs P Meredith) N Bycroft 4-8-13	M Birch	1
12	31/420-	TWO MINUTES (M Lilley) J Spearing 5-8-11	–	6
13	032221-	AL NASR (CD) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 6-8-10	W R Swinburn	9
14	033404/	STAR BURST (D) (W Francis) R Francis 7-8-8	–	3
15	00000-4	FRASASS (D Chapman) D Chapman 7-8-8	D Nicholls	2
16	/40400-	GOLDEN BRIGADIER (Mrs S Bingley) J Old 6-8-8	DOUBTFUL	8
17	312130-	CASTLE DOUGLAS (B) (A House) I Dudgeon 4-8-8	R Cochrane	18
18	000213-	INDIAN MOONSHINE (Mrs J Beattie) A Balding 4-8-7	I Balding	11
19	0000-	CHEEKY RUPERT (Miss P Radford) E Eldin 4-8-7	A Mackay	5
21	0/00-	COLLECTORS GIRL (J Curran) M Ryan 4-8-7	P Bloomfield 5	13
23	020403-	WOJO (CD) (J Medler) M Ryan 4-8-3	P Robinson	15

7-4 Prince Concorde, 9-2 Khyber, 11-2 Al Nasr, 6 Indian Moonshine, 8 Louviers, 10 Temple Bar, 14 Ben's Birdie, 16 others.

FORM: TROPICAL MIST behind Newbury Oct, earlier (8-10) 2 ½l 3rd to Lady Moon (8-7) at Kempton (1m 3f, £2252, good, Sept 2). PRINCE CONCORDE (9-7) beat Wildrush (9-0) 15l at Ayr (1m 5f, £2092, soft, Mar 27), with FRASASS (8-13) further 13 ½l away 4th. TEMPLE BAR (9-8) well behind in 8th. KHYBER (10-6) beat Our Caro (10-3) 10l in Brighton amateurs' event (1m 4f, £1377, good to firm, Oct 4). SUNLEY BUILDS (9-3) beaten just under 11l when 6th to Camacho (8-5) at Ascot (2m, £5399, good to firm, Oct 7). AL NASR (9-7) beat Tinoco (9-4) a head at Nottingham (1m 5f, £1648, firm Sept 5). CASTLE DOUGLAS (8-1) led till over 2f out when last of 11 to Night Eye (9-7) at Newcastle (2m, £1438, good to firm, Oct 4), with PEARLPIN (8-6) beaten 2 ½l in 3rd. INDIAN MOONSHINE (9-1) 2l 3rd to Sweet Fragance (8-11) at Edinburgh (1m 4f, £678, firm, Nov 2). WOJO (8-4) 4l 3rd to Childown (9-7) at Redcar 1m 7f, £1100, good to firm, Oct 25).
Selection: Prince Concorde.

3.30 ABOYEUR SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £819: 5f) (14)

1		GRACEIT (St Claude Racing Stables) L Lightbrown 8-11	A Proud	9
2	0	IVAN-JO (Miss T Duralia) R Stubbs 8-11	D Nicholls	4
5	0	SUPERB TROOPER (A Dabinett) R Hoad 8-11	A Bond	14
6		ARINO (Miss E Macpherson) R Stubbs 8-8	S Webster	3
7		BENNY'S EYES (J South) J Harris 8-8	S Keightley	7
8		BETHAN (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 8-8	S Perks	1
10		DUN OUR LUCK (T Ball C Spares 8-8	W Goldsborough 7	5
12		LITTLE YENOH (B Richmond) B Richmond 8-8	G Baxter	12
13		MARK MELODY (M Brittain) D Plant 8-8	B Coogan	8
14		MAUNDY GIFT (H Ford) W Wharton 8-8	–	10
15		MEESON SECRET (J Wilcox) J Berry 8-8	W Carson	2
16		NAVANA (D Ancil) D Ancil 8-8	Paul Eddery	13
17		RAINBOW COLOURS (D Wilkins) D Leslie 8-8	M Rimmer 3	6
20		SCHOON (C Houlgate) N Tinkler 8-8	L Charnock	11

5-2 Ivan-Jo, 7-2 Meeson Secret, 9-2 Bethan, 5 Superb Trooper, 6 Schoon, 8 Rainbow Colours, 12 others.

4.0 FELSTEAD HANDICAP (£2,015: 6f) (26)

3	04000-0	FERRIBY HALL (D) (Mrs V Robson) A Smith 7-9-7	M Birch	4
4	240000-	TOWER OF STRENGTH (R A E Bott 'Wigmore') J Winter 5-9-5	B Raymond	3
5	000000-	BROON'S SECRET (CD) (Parker Dyeing) A Jarvis 10-9-1	T Taylor 7	14
6	300220-	LUCKY ORPHAN (N Poole) R Boss 4-9-0	P Eddery	12
7	020004-	RETURN TO ME (J Watson) M McCourt 5-9-0	R Wernham	16
9	0-00000	HAWK LADY (D) (Mrs D Blackburn) Mrs R Lomax 4-8-13	E Hide	9
10	40411-1	VEE BEE (D) (Mrs H Berry) D Leslie 5-8-11 (7 ex)	D McKay	17
11	041002-	EAST STAR (D) (F Chau) B Hanbury 4-8-9	P Hamblett	11
14	040440-	B A POUNDSTRETCHER (A Bosley) J Spearing 5-8-5	P Cook	25
15	00000-0	MERITOUS (D Hill) T Taylor 9-8-4	L Charnock	6
16	403003-	TRANSFLASH (D Rolt) E Eldin 5-8-3	M L Thomas	19
17	020300-	GENTLE STAR (D) (B) (Mrs K Ivory) K Ivory 5-8-3	R Cochrane	5
18	0334-00	PETTISTREE (L Bevan) C O'Neill 5-8-3	P Robinson	1
19	000040	SHANOUSKA (F J Hyde & Sons) C Benstead 4-8-2	W Woods 7	10
20	040004-	INDY (B Grimes) C Wildman 4-8-2	R Hills 3	20
21	00000-0	MOSES SAMPSON (D Hill) T Taylor 6-8-2	G Duffield	8
22	000010-	MUSIC NIGHT (CD) (B) (J Bellerby) D Garraton 7-8-2	–	22
23	000430-	RAWLINSIN END (T S Smith) D Laing 6-8-1	R Fox	13
24	120400-	MR ROSE (B Bates) L Lightbrown 4-8-0	A Proud	18
26	034020-	WELSH NOBLE (D) (H Hird) A Balding 6-7-11	J Lowe	26
27	00004-0	LATE HOUR (D) G Smyth) R Hollinshead 5-7-11	W Ryan 5	23
29	004442-	DAME PEGGY (M Jones) J Old 4-7-7	N Carlisle	24
30	/3000-0	WINDY LAD (B) (T Tobin) S Matthews 5-7-7	B Crossley	21
31	000000-	HARBOUR BAZAAR (Mrs M Benn) M Chapman 4-7-7	–	2
32	000000-	LAGSKONA (E Stanton) D Morrill 4-7-7	R Street	15
33	000000-	KALLISTA ANTARTIS (B) (Miss J Apostolides) H Collingridge 4-7-7	A Mackay	7

7-2 Vee Bee, 6 Lucky Orphan, 7 Ferriby Hall, 8 Return To Me, Easy Star, 10 Meritous, Pettistree, Tower Of Strength, 14 Hawk Lady, B A Poundstretcher, Shanouska, 16 others.

FORM: BROONS SECRET (8-0) out of first 9 to Amorous (9-3) (Lingfield 6f, £3,522, good to firm, Oct 6). LUCKY ORPHAN (7-7) 7l 8th to Jade Ring (8-4) (Newmarket 7f, £3,334, good to firm, Sept 30). RETURN TO ME (8-0) 2½l 4th to Legal Sound (8-8) with TOWER OF STRENGTH (8-5) 9th (Nottingham, 6f, £2,589, good, Oct 24). VEE BEE (7-7) dead heated with Velocidad (8-2) (Doncaster 5f, £2,548, good to firm, Mar 23). EASY STAR (9-3) 4l 2nd to Hopeful Waters (8-7) in seller (Leicester 6f, £750, firm Oct 31). B A POUNDSTRETCHER unplaced last time, earlier (8-9) 2l 4th to Tender Trader (9-2) (Leicester 6f, £1,620, good, Sept 20). MUSIC NIGHT (8-11) 1l winner from DAME PEGGY (8-2) with WELSH NOBLE (8-5) 5l back in 6th. GENTLE STAR (9-1) a further 1½l away in 8th. TRANSFLASH (9-0) and HOPEFUL WATERS (8-8) out of first 9 (Nottingham 6f, £1,117, good to firm, Oct 25).
Selection: VEE BEE.

4.30 SUNSTAR MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £692: 5f) (11)

2	2	LINCYEM (BF) (J Brown) J Berry 9-0	W Carson	8
3		NORTHERN TREAT (P Brookshaw) P Brookshaw 9-0	W Ryan 5	5
5		PERSIAN PLEASURE (B Sutton) R Boss 9-0	Pat Eddery	3
6	0	PHILIP (D Marley) N Tinkler 9-0	E Hide	9
8		PROMISES ARE FREE (P Savill) M Pipe 9-0	–	6
9		RUN WITH THE WIND (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0	A McGlone 3	2
10		SILENT FLUTTER (C Holland) Mrs C Reavey 9-0	T Rogers	10
11		TARRAKAN (H Collins) C Wildman 9-0	R Hills 3	4
12		TOKANO (G Steinberg) K Ivory 9-0	R Cochrane	7
13	0	VIDEO ROCKET (J Rees) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	11
15		KEPAGI (E Thomas) W Wharton 8-11	–	1

5-4 Lincyem, 7-2 Persian Pleasure, 5 Run With The Wind, 8 Video Rocket, 10 Philip, 14 others.

● The total attendance at this year's Grand National meeting was 51,000, with 36,500 attending on Saturday. Attendances were up each day, with a 17 per cent increase on Saturday.

● The Levy Board is to finance the removal of all concrete posts within 20 yards before and 30 yards after any fence or flight of hurdles on every racecourse. They will also supply replacement plastic rails

Course specialists

TRAINERS: B Hobbs 13 wins from 76 runners 17.1%; A Jarvis 12 from 56 21.4%; P Cole 8 from 69 11.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Mercer 9 wins from 116 rides 16.4%; W Swinburn 15 from 94 16.0%; P Eddery 18 from 114 15.8%; W Carson 20 from 130 15.4%.

Grand National result in full

3.20 SEAGRAM GRAND NATIONAL CHASE (Handicap: £54,769: 4m 4f)

HALLO DANDY b g by Menelek – Dandy Hall (R Shaw) 10-10-2 .... N Doughty (13-1) 1

Greasepaint ch b by Gala Performance – Wind Swift (M Smurfit) 9-11-2 .... T Carmody (9-1 fav) 2

Corbiere ch g by Harwell – Bally Cashen (B Burrough) 9-12-0 .... B de Haan (16-1) 3

Lucky Vane b g by Lucky Brief – Cronoyone (Miss B Swire) 9-10-13 .... J Burke (12-1) 4

ALSO RAN: 12 Broomy Bank (8th), Grittar (10th), 16 Eliogarty (15th), 18 Spartan Missile (16th), 20 Ashley House (f 15th), 22 Fethard Friend (7th), 25 Burnt Oak (pu 22nd), Yer Man (17th), 28 Carl's Wager (f 15th), Midnight Love (f 6th), Tacroy (12th), Two Swallows (6th), 33 Bush Guide (f 8th), Earthsopper (5th), Hill of Slane (11th), Pilot Officer (ref 19th), Silent Valley (pu 27th), 40 Mid Day Gun (20th), 50 Fauloon (18th), Golden Trix (f 3rd), Imperial Black (f 22nd), 60 Jivago de Neuvy (9th), 66 Another Captain (19th), Beech King (14th), Jacko (22nd), Three To One (f 6th), 100 Hazy Dawn (f 6th), Poyntz Pass (Doubleugain (13th), The Drunken Duck (pu 16th), Door Step (f 6th), Roman General (ur 13th), Fortune Seeker (f 19th), Canford Ginger (23rd and last), Clonthturtin (f 6th), Kumbi (f 19th). 40 ran. 4l, 1½l, 2½l, ¾l, 10l, G Richards at Greystoke.

TOTE: Win: £10.30; places: £2.10, £2.10, £3.60, £2.30. DF: £22.10. CSF: £106.08. TRICAST: £1,709.16 9m 21.4sec.

Swift Palm can gain compensation

By Mandarin

Swif Palm, who looked an unlucky loser a Doncaster 10 days ago can gain quick compensation in the Coronach Handicap at Nottingham this afternoon. Peter Condell's seven-year-old was drawn 24 of 24 at Doncaster and had no option but to race on the unfavoured stands side.

Tyrone Williams, the riding find of last season, brought Swift Palm with a sustanied run in the last two furlongs but the combination failed by half a length to catch Concert Pitch, who was drawn two. The next three home were all drawn on the far side and Swift Palm finished 10 lengths ahead of his nearest challenger on the stands side.

The Lincoln result the following day confirmed beyond reasonable doubt that those drawn low had a substantial advantage. That being the case, Swift Palm is virtually a winner without a penalty here and the booking of Joey Brown who still claims 5lb, can only improve his chance.

Prince Concorde, a 15-length winner at Ayr last Tuesday, makes a quick reappearance in the Call Boy Handicap and is hard to oppose. Vee Bee had to be content with sharing spoils with Velocidad at Doncaster, is also taken to defy a penalty in the Felstead Handicap.

Several trainers have their first runners of the season at Nottingham, notably Jeremy Tree and Fulke Johnson Houghton, who can win the two divisions of the Manna Maiden Stakes with Crisp and Faridpour, respectively.

Crisp earned a place in many notebooks when chasing home Librate on his second outing at Warwick in October and Faridpour demonstrated his potential by twice reaching the frame in hotly-contested maiden events at Salisbury.

Incidentally, Rainbow Quest, Tree's 2000 Guineas hope, has been backed to win £21,600 with the Tote and is now 8-1 from 9-1 behind El Gran Señor, the 9-2 favourite, and Lear Fan, 11-2.

Mendez earns French 2000 run

From Desmond Stoneham, French Racing Correspondence, Paris

Several pairs of mating ducks took up residence on the straight at Longchamp yesterday and they were certainly the only creatures to appreciate the abominable conditions. Rain and snow had fallen most of the morning but the weather conditions did not stop Mendez from winning the one mile Prix de Fontainebleau.

The son of Bellypha had taken the lead soon after entering the straight and just managed to hold on by a short head from the fast finishing Nikos. The favourite Siberian Express was most disppointing and finished eight lengths third in fron of Truculent.

Owned by Stavros Niarchos, Mendez will now turn out for the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) over the same course and distance. "He has really learnt to settle now and will be much better for today's outing". Nikos will have his chance to take revenge on Mendez as he is another intended runner for the Poulains.

The Newmarket-trained Lovely Dancer became the first English horse to pick up money on a Parisian track this season when he came home a length and a half in front of Lester Piggott and Darly in the group two Prix d'Harcourt. Now trained in England by French-born Olivier Douieb, Lovely Dancer took the lead off Darly with a furlong left to run.

(1m) 1, Mendez (C Asmussen); 2, Nikos; 3, Siberian Express. sh.hd, 1½ l. 7 ran. F Boutin. Pari Mutuel: 3.20; 2.30, 2.50. SF: 21.20.
(1m 2f) 1, Lovely Dancer (A Lequeux); 2, Darly; 3, Garde Royale. 1½ l, 4l, 8 ran. Pari Muthel: 4.0; 1.90, 2.30, 1.80, SF 13.30

● Paris (Reuter) – Willie Head, one of the leading trainers in France for half a century, has died at his home in Gouvieux, north of Paris, aged 94. Since his retirement in 1972, the family tradition has been maintained by his son, Alec, a former trainer, his grandson, Freddie, France's champion jockey last season, and his granddaughter, Criquette, who trained Ma Biche to win last year's 1000 Guineas.

Mullins family toast a double

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Saturday proved to be a memorable afternoon for the Mullins family as within the space of five minutes they dominated big races at Aintree and The Curragh. After Dawn Run, trained by Paddy Mullins and ridden by his son Tony, made all the running in the Sandeman Aintree Hurdle, Girl in Blue, owned by Mrs Maureen Mullins and trained by her husband, beat 29 rivals in the Irish Lincolnshire.

The most significant race at The Curragh was the Moorsbridge Stakes, in which Flame of Tara, one of last season' best three-year-old fillies gave a stone and a head beating to the handicapper, Sheer Gold.

Flame of Tara has the Eclipse Stakes as her mid-season objective. Before that, however, Jim Bolger, the trainer, will decide whether to run her or Give Thanks, in the John Porter Stakes at Newbury.

Saturday's results

Liverpool

Going: good

2.0 (2m chase) 1, Little Bay (J Francome, 11-4 fav); 2, Western Rose (12-1); 3, Artifice (9-2). 4l, 2l. 7 ran. G Richards. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £3.80. DF: £10.80. CSF: £27.39.

2.35 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Dawn Run (A Mullins, 4-6 fav); 2, Very Promising (6-1); 3, Fredcoteri (11-1). 10l, 20l. 8 ran. P Mullins. Tote: £1.60; £1.00, £1.40, £2.40 DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.30.

3.20 (Grand National result in full, see above).

4.5 (3m 1f chase) 1, W Six Times (Mr R J Beggan, 2-1 fav); 2, Great Head Boy (9-2); 3, Honourable Man (5-2). 5l, 3l. 6 ran. NR: Royal Bond. M W Dickinson. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £4.50. CSF: £10.30.

4.35 (2m hdle) 1, Karenomore (Mr T Easterby, 7-2 fav); 2, Marshall Key (9-1); 3, Florey Sark (25-1); 4, Garfunkel (7-1). ½l, 4l. 19 ran. M H Easterby. Tote: £5.60; £1.50, £2.50, £11.40, £1.20. DF: £20.20. CSF: £39.00. Tricast: £683.80.

5.5 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Jennie Pat (D Coakley, 8-1); 2, Buranpour (4-1); 3, Pelion (8-1). Asia Minor 100-30 fav. 1½l, 12l. 11 ran. NR: Star Of Screen. G Richards. Tote: £5.10; £1.50, £2.00, £4.30. DF: £17.10. CSF: £40.77.

Tote double: £51.10. Treble: £14.70. Jackpot: £1,577.25. Placepot: £30.25.

Edinburgh

Going: good to soft

2.15 (5f) 1, Tame Affair (D Nicholls, 8-11 fav); 2, Deneuve (7-1); 3, Swift River (11-4). 5l ¾l. 5 ran. NR: Coded Love. R Stubbs. Tote: £2.70; £1.10, £2.90. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.22.

2.40 (5f) 1, Pergoda (W Ryan, 5-2 fav); 2, Central Carpets (4-1); 3, Final Cast (3-1). ¾l, 4l. 7 ran. I Vickers. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.90. DF: £8.80. CSF: £13.01.

3.5 (1m 3f) 1, Balsbil (G Duffield 11-8 fav); 2, Herlyn Bay (2-1); 3, Uptown (20-1). 4l, ½l. 8 ran. M Prescott. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.00, £2.90. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.70.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1, Rivers Edge (M Fry, 5-2); 2, Apple Wine (9-2); 3, Carter's Way (14-1). Concert Pitch 9-4 fav. ½l, 2½l. 9 ran. Denys Smith. Tote: £4.60; £1.50, £1.70, £3.20. DF: £29.60. CSF: £13.77.

4.20 (1m) 1, Lady Donaro (K Darley, Evens fav); 2, Mild Mild Motor (3-1); 3, Waldron Hill (8-1). 2½l, 3l. 9 ran. J Berry. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.94.

4.50 (7f) 1, Life Guard (N Connorton, 6-4 fav); 2, Baby Boy (7-4); 3, Carol's Music (14-1). 1l, 3l. 9 ran. J Watts. Tote: £2.40; £1.20, £1.00, £5 10. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.01.

Placepot: £5.25.

Hereford

Going: good to soft

2.15 (3m 1f hdle) 1, Pharaoh's Own (C Evans, 9-4 jt fav); 2, Alwins Boy (4-1); 3, Saldi's Brother (33-1). Rebeg 9-4 jt fav. 25l, 4l. 17 ran. J Baker. Tote: £3.70; £1.60, £2.50, £23.00. DF: £7.50. CSF: £12.02.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, Teddington Jewel (J Frost, 4-1); 2, Glen Maye (8-1); 3, Timmy Boy (10-1). Sir John Falstaff 5-2 fav. 4l, 10l. 17 ran. Nr: Fire Chieftain, Bold Broderick, Uncle Del. R Frost. Tote: £.30; £1.80, £3.80. DF: £30.00. CSF: £46.98.

3.45 (3m 1f hdle) 1, Roll-A-Joint (R Kington, 13-8); 2, Prince Buskins (10-1); 3, Skorton (14-1). 4l, 6l. 15 ran. NR: Torside, Gallant Native. G Thorner. Tote: £3.90; £1.70, £2.80, £2.30. DF: £17.90. CSF: £21.86.

4.15 (2m 4f chase) 1, Bright Oassis (Mr T Thomson Jones, 5-1); 2, Sutton Prince (7-4 fav); 3, Misty Fort (5-1). 1l, 7l. 15 ran. K Bailey. Tote: £4.50; £1.50, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £4.80. CSF: £13.44.

4.45 (3m chase) 1, Mount Oliver (M Williams, 9-4 fav); 2, Laurenaun (7-2); 3, Spaced Out (14-1); 4, Bridge Ash (7-1). 2l, 1½l. 17 ran. NR: Bay Forest. M Scudamore. Tote: £3.70; £1.10, £1.80, £3.10, £1.50. DF: £5.10. CSF: £11.90 Tricast: £93.63.

5.15 (2m 4f chase) 1, Wise Lady (Mr N Oliver, 11-2); 2, Little Bitsham (11-2); 2, Cheeido Ore (1-2 fav). 6l, 10l. 9 ran. Mrs C Stallard. Tote: £6.20; £1.00, £1.90, £1.20. DF: £14.20. CSF: £34.23.

5.45 (2m flat) 1, Tribal Drum (Mr G Upton, 2-1 fav); 2, Oliver Anthony (14-1); 3, Mat Officer (12-1). 12l, ½l. 19 ran. NR: Prince Vider. I Dudgeon. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £1.60, £3.20. DF: £11.70. CSF: £31.78.

Placepot: £16.20.

TOMORROWS ADVANCE GOING: Sedgefield: good to soft. Plumpton: soft

Point-to-point winners

BLANKNEY: Hunt: Horton Helen. Adj: Brown Loaf. L.Op: Scarlet Coon. Op: Vulgarian. R.Op: Sparticone. Mdn: Brown Peril.
CATTISTOCK: Buchanan: Master Key. Hunt: Claddagh Gold. B.Op: Charles Greeting. L.Op: Athford. Op: Sweet Brig. Adj: Camford Rose. R.Op: Jimmy Flint. R.Op II: Coney Castle.
CRAWLEY AND HORSHAM: Hunt: Zenaida. R.Op: Apeta's Sun. L.Op: Carrigill. O: Marks Metnens. Adj: Sergeant Can. Mdn I: Park Hero. Mdn II: Bee Orchid.
EASTON HARRIERS: Hunt: Before The Mast. Adj: Saldatore. Open: Master Croft. L.Op: Lonan: R.Op: Stanwick Lad. Mdn: Town Hall.
TREDEGAR FARMERS: Hunt: Brock. R.Op: Moonlight Alley. Adj: Foxmon. L.Op: Captain Clover. Open: Gammerley Jane. Mdn: Cliffland.
WEST PERCY AND MILVAIN: Buchanan: Justin Thyme. R.Op: Friers Peak. L.Op: Millametta. Open: Willow Burn. Adj: Shining Bann. Mdn: Birnie Brig.

Leaders over jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Dickinson	76	32	12	0	-25.25
F Winter	75	46	33	7	+28.33
J Gifford	54	53	49	8	-83.60
J Jenkins	48	34	23	1	-105.23
W Stephenson	48	35	38	12	-120.85
D Nicholson	45	44	45	4	-190.18
G Richards	43	38	29	0	-62.71
N Henderson	38	39	15	4	-49.35
Mrs M Rimell	38	39	29	7	-87.10

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
J Francome	115	73	42	2	-2.68
J O'Neill	88	80	57	2	-101.48
P Scudamore	85	73	60	7	-134.38
H Davies	63	46	45	6	+2.80
S Smith Eccles	58	61	61	2	+57.79
R Rowe	55	44	30	18	+5.69
S Morshead	48	58	39	8	-67.34
A Webber	47	50	43	5	-16.48
N Doughty	38	38	39	0	-92.25

TODAYS FIXTURES

7.30 unless state

Third division
Port Vale v Rotherham United

Scottish premier division
Aberdeen v Hearts
Celtic v Rangers
Dundee v Dundee United

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Altrincham v Kidderminster, Dagenham v Kettering, Northwich Victoria v Bangor City. Bob lord Trophy: Semi-final, first leg: Barnet v Telford.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor Regis v Tooting and Mitcham.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Sutton Coldfield.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Derby (7.0); Sheffield United v Newcastle (7.0). Second division: Barnsley v Preston (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Luton v Bristol Rovers (2.0).

RUGBY UNION

DEVON CUP: Quarter-final: Tiverton v Devon and Cornwall Police (7 15)

OTHER SPORT

RACKETS: public Schools Doubles at (Queen s Club, 9.30)
SQUASH RACKETS: British Open Championship at (Brighton Centre, 12.00 and 6.30).





BOXING

Pearce to undergo second brain scan

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

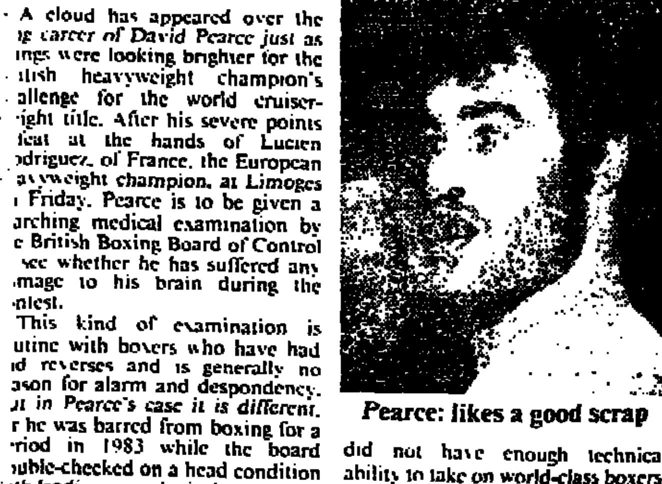
A cloud has appeared over the g career of David Pearce just as ings were looking brighter for the itish heavyweight champion's allenge for the world cruiser-ight title. After his severe points feat at the hands of Lucien odriguez, of France, the European avyweight champion, at Limoges Friday, Pearce is to be given a arching medical examination by e British Boxing Board of Control see whether he has suffered any mage to his brain during the ntest.

This kind of examination is utine with boxers who have had d reverses and is generally no ason for alarm and despondency. t in Pearce's case it is different. r he was barred from boxing for a riod in 1983 while the board uble-checked on a head condition ith leading neurological experts.

It is difficult to see why Pearce ould have suffered any damage om boxing, since he is usually on e handing out side of things. In ance, however, he was on the ceiving end, though from a light incher.

Any damage he may have had in e past could go back to his ildhood, when he found himself the usual scrapes tough boys can t into in towns like Newport. earce himself has said that once ne of his brothers threw a slate at m, tomahawk-fashion, and it had be prized out of his head with a rewdriver.

Even if Pearce is cleared this time the doctors, the board may still dvise him to consider retirement if ey take into account the view of any experts at the ringside in imoges that Pearce showed that he did not have enough technical ability to take on world-class boxers, even cruiserweights.


Pearce: likes a good scrap

Some believed that he took too much punishment. I do not feel that he was in distress at any stage of the contest: in fact, he was strong enough in the eighth to floor the champion twice. It is a pity that Pearce resorted to Victor McLaglen's Hollywood style of fighting in the later stages that made him look crude against the well-disciplined champion.

Pearce is one of those devil-may-care types who thrive on good scraps and his performance against the Frenchman should not be used to push him into retirement. Unless something sinister is seen in a new scan, the board will have a job convincing themselves and Pearce that, though he is No 7 in the world cruiserweight division, he has no business being in the top 10 or thinking of boxing for a world title.

Hagler praises Roldan

Las Vegas (Reuter) – Squinting through a swollen right eye, Juan omingo Roldan, of Argentina, dmitted that he knew he was beaten the end of the third round of his tle bout against the undisputed orld middleweight champion, larvin Hagler, on Friday night.

Roldan, making his first attempt t the title, sufffered the eye injury the third round, struggled on until e referee, Tony Perez, stopped the out early in the tenth round of lagler's ninth defence.

Roldan caught Hagler off balance arly in the first round of the cheduled 15-round bout and nocked him down. Hagler admitted hat he was embarrassed by the nockdown, the first in his 11-year rofessional career.

Roldan, knowing an early knockout was his only chance, kept the upperhand until the third round when, he said, Hagler thumbed him in the eye. Hagler said the thumbing was accidental.

Hagler praised Roldan "He's a game warrior. I'm gland I trained hard, because I had to take it to him. My strategy was to box him, but the body shots took their toll and I felt he was tiring. So I went to work. "This was the bus stop for Roldan, and this was where he got off."

Roldan's Co-manager, Tito lectoure, said Roldan would return to Buenos Aires today, wait until the eye healed, and then look for a bout with another American before a possible rematch with Hagler.

Hagler's next opponent, probably in July, will be the Syrian-born Mustafa Hamsho, who earned a title chance by knocking out Alexis Shakespeare, of the United States.

WBA may back Holmes fight

Las Vagas (Reuter) –The World Boxing Association (WBA) may sanction South African heavyweight Gerrie Coetzee's fight against Larry Holmes in Las Vagas on June 8.

Vice-president Alberto Medoza has said the WBA would recognize the bout as a title fight if Holmes, who gave up the World Boxing Council (WBC) title last autumn and now fights as the International Boxing Federation (IBF) champion, asked the WBA to rank him.

Medoza also said the WBA will strip their junior middleweight title from Roberto Duran of Panama, if he enters the ring against Thomas Hearns, of the United States, in the Bahamas on June 15, rather than meeting one of the WBA's top contenders.

CRICKET

New Zealand finish on a winning note

New Zealand completed their five-week cricket tour of Sri Lanka on a winning note in Colombo yesterday by beating the Sri Lankans by 86 runs in the deciding game of the three-match one-day series.

Sri Lanka, chasing New Zealand's total of 201 for eight, made in 44 overs, were bundled out for 115 in 38.1 overs.

On Saturday the all-rounder, Uvaisul Karnain had made a stunning international debut by taking five for 26 as Sri Lanka snatched a 41-run win over New Zealand in the second match of the series, at Moratuwa.

Karnain, a 21-year-old medium-paced bowler, and also a Sri Lanka hockey international, sent back five of the first six New Zealand batsmen in an eight-over spell. The touring side collapsed to 116 all out in 34 overs in reply to 157 for eight in their quota of 40 overs by Sri Lanka, whose win put them level in the three-match series.

Karnain, who also scored 28 and was named man of the match, collected the wickets of Edgar (12), Howarth (12), Cairns (5), Martin Crowe (9) and Jeff Crowe (9).

The spinners Ranatunge, with three for 23, and De Silva polished off the tail.

Sri Lanka won after controversy midway through the innings when the umpires, P. Vidanagamage and K. T. Francis, stopped play for bad light at 61 for five after 18 overs.

Sri Lanka's fieldsmen walked off but the New Zealand batsmen Martin Crowe and Coney stood their ground. As the umpires went off, Howarth ran on to the field and protested, but to no avail.

After play had been stopped for 42 minutes, the Sri Lankan captain, Duleep Mendis, saved the situation by taking the field again

Saturday

SRI LANKA:

S Wettimuny b Chatfield	6
D S B P Kuruppu c Wright b Stirling	4
R S Madugalle c Coney b Chatfield	10
A Ranatunge not out	50
D L R Mendis b Cairns	4
A de Silva l-b-w b Hadlee	8
J R Ratnayake run out	12
U S H Karnain c Cairns b M D Crowe	28
R G de Alwis run out	1
D S de Silva not out	18
Extras (b 1, lb 10, n-b 4, w 1)	16
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	157

V B John did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–11, 2–22, 3–37, 4–48, 5–89, 6–110, 7–110, 8–112.

BOWLING: Cairns 8-1-11-1, Hadlee 8-2-27-1, Stirling 5-1-34-1, Chatfield 8-0-29-2, Coney 6-0-21-0, M D Crowe 5-0-19-1.

NEW ZEALAND

J G Wright c Wettimuny b John	3
B A Edgar c de Alwis b Karnain	12
G P Howarth b Karnain	12
B L Cairns b Karnain	5
M D Crowe c De Alwis b Karnain	9
J J Crowe l-b-w Karnain	9
J V Coney b Ranatunge	11
R J Hadlee c A de Silva b Ranatunge	13
I D S Smith c A de Silva b D S de Silva	11
D A Stirling not out	14
E J Chatfield l-b-w Ranatunge	5
Extras (b 1, l-b 10, n-b 1)	12
Total (34 overs)	116

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–4, 2–31, 3–34, 4–39, 5–49, 6–66, 7–76, 8–88, 9–95.

BOWLING: John 7–0–13–1, Ratnayake 6–0–14–0, Karnain 8–1–26–5, D S de Silva 5–0–26–1, Ranatunge 8–1–23–3.

Sunday

NEW ZEALAND

J G Wright c de Alwis b Ratnayake	10
B A Edgar b D S de Silva	24
M D Crowe run out	68
J F Reid c D S de Silva b John	9
J J Crowe b Ranatunge	5
J V Coney c and b Ranatunge	13
R J Hadlee c Madugalle b Ranatunge	9
I D S Smith run out	13
B L Cairns not out	40
S L Boock not out	8
Extras (lb 1, w 1)	2
Total (8 wkts, 44 overs)	201

E J Chatfield did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–16, 2–45, 3–63, 4–77, 5–114, 6–124, 7–153, 8–154.

BOWLING: John 9–1–43–1, Ratnayake 8–0–32–1, Karnain 9–0–41–0, D S de Silva 9–0–34–1, Ranatunge 9–0–49–3.

SRI LANKA

S Wettimuny c Smith b Hadlee	33
D S B P Kuruppu c Smith b Hadlee	3
R S Madugalle c sub b Boock	10
A de Silva run out	7
A Ranatunge c J J Crowe b Cairns	13
D L R Mendis c Hadlee b Chatfield	7
U S H Karnain c Boock b Cairns	1
A R Ratnayake C reid b Chatfield	7
R G de Alwis l-b-w Hadlee	9
D S de Silva not out	14
V John c sub b Coney	1
Extras (b 6, lb 4)	10
Total (38.1 overs)	115

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–6, 2–29, 3–39, 4–73, 5–76, 6–79, 7–85, 8–94, 9–114

BOWLING: Cairns 7–2–14–2, Hadlee 5–0–19–3, Chatfield 9–2–13–2, Boock 9–1–22–1, Coney 6.1–1–24–1, M D Crowe 1–0–13–0.

REAL TENNIS

Out-thought by Lovell

By William Stephens

Alan Lovell retained the amateur championship, sponsored by George Wimpey, by defeating Mick Dean by 6–3, 6–0, 6–2 at Hampton Court yesterday.

Dean, a geography master at Radley and Lovell's partner as amateur doubles champions, reached his first singles final by outclassing William Boone, who had benefitted from Howard Angus's scratching, 6–0, 6–3, 6–2 on Saturday, when Lovell ruthlessly eliminated John Ward 6–0, 6–0, 6–1.

The first set of the final was a high-quality display of classical cut strokes to the corners, agile retrieving and thoughtful placing. Lovell was nervous and Dean moved him from side to side, alternating delicate strokes under the tampour with disguised backhand strokes under the winning gallery.

Lovell had problems finding the hazard galleries to put the ball out of play, missing five attempts, but his most telling strokes were those aimed as if to hit the tambour, but just passing it, leaving Dean stranded.

Dean caught up from 4–2 down to have the game point for 4–4, but he lost it. The next game Dean won was in the third set for 1–4. Lovell, who took a first in Greats while at Oxford, achieved total domination by a variety of cut services and control on the floor, remorselessly outthinking the tiring Dean.

Law Report April 2 1984

Banks entitled to prove debt in liquidation

Barclays Bank and Others v T.O.S.G. Trust Fund Ltd and Others

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Brightman and Lord Templeman

[Speeches delivered March 29]

On the true construction of bonds given by the respondent banks to Clarksons Holidays Ltd and counter-indemnities given by Clarksons to the banks, payments by the banks under the bonds of £1,268,000 after Clarksons had gone into liquidation that had been expended by T.O.S.G. Trust Fund Ltd in meeting in full claims by some of Clarksons' customers who had not had holidays for which they had paid entitled the banks to prove in the liquidation for the £1,268,0000 to the exclusion of the appellants, the Air Travel Reserve Fund Agency, to whom the customers had assigned such claims in the liquidation as they might have.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the agency from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Oliver, Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Slade) ([1984] 2 WLR 49), who had reversed Mr Justice Nourse.

Mr Leonard Hoffmann, QC and Mr Leslie Kosmin for the agency; Mr Peter Millett, QC and Mr John MacDonnell for the banks; Mr David Oliver for the liquidators of Clarksons.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that Clarksons had been a tour operator that had contracted to provide and accepted advance payments in respect of holidays abroad. It had been a member of the Tour Operators' Study Group, formed to solve the problems arising on the business failure of a tour operator and incorporating T.O.S.G. Trust Fund.

Clarksons could not act as an air travel organizer without a licence from the Civil Aviation Authority, which involved obtaining bonds to cover its actual and potential obligations. The respondent banks had offered to enter into the requisite bonds for sums amounting in the aggregate to £2,226,000. In return, Clarksons had given the banks counter-indemnities indemnifying the banks in respect of any liabilities that they might incur under the bonds.

On August 15, 1974, Clarksons had suffered a business failure. On August 16, T.O.S.G. had required the banks to pay, and they had paid, the £2,226,000, and Clarksons had presented a winding up petition. On October 7, it had been ordered to be wound up. The banks' right to repayment from Clarksons under the indemnities had thereupon become a right to prove in the liquidation.

T.O.S.G. had disbursed £958,000 out of the moneys provided by the banks, and it was conceded that the banks could prove for that sum. They had expended the remaining £1,268,000 in reimbursing in full, so far as the money would go, deposits and advance payments made by Clarksons' customers who had not had the holidays for which they had paid.

The banks' rights to prove in Clarksons' liquidation for the £1,268,000 depended on the true construction and effect of the bonds and indemnities. There were four possible constructions, three of which blushed with implausibility.

In his Lordship's view, on their true and simple construction, when T.O.S.G. had paid £1,000 of the bank's money to a customer whose claim against Clarksons amounted to £1,000, that customer's claim against Clarksons had been extinguished and there had become vested in the bank an indisputable claim against Clarksons for £1,000 under the indemnity. If T.O.S.G. had paid £200 to a customer whose claim was £1,000, the customer could thereafter only claim and prove for the balance of £800 and the bank could claim and prove under its indemnity for £200. By the indemnities Clarksons had agreed to repay to the banks every penny that the banks paid under the bonds and that T.O.S.G. paid to the customers.

In the event, T.O.S.G. had extinguished claims of Clarksons' customers to the extent of £1,268,000 and the banks had become entitled to prove in the liquidation for £1,268,000 under their indemnities.

The appellant agency had been incorporated by the Air Travel Reserve Fund Act 1975. A fund had been created to be financed by air travel operators and supported by government loans. By section 2 (6) of the Act the fund became applicable to meet a customer's losses if at the time of booking there had been a bond or other security in force provided or procured by the air travel organizer for the protection of his customers.

The agency had come into existence before T.O.S.G. had distributed the £1,268,000 in Clarksons' liquidation.

T.O.S.G. had agreed that before paying any customer of Clarksons it would obtain an assignment in the agency's favour from the customer of his right to prove in the liquidation for the full amount of his claim. The agency claimed to prove for £1,268,000 on the ground that those assignments by the customers who had received the £1,268,000 were effective to vest in the agency the right to prove for that sum.

A number of arguments had been put forward by the agency at different stages of the proceedings. It had been argued below, with a wealth of erudition, that the banks' and the agency's proof in respect of the £1,268,000 were double proofs of the same debt and that the priority between those double proofs fell to be determined by equitable rules.

In his Lordship's view there had been two mutually exclusive debts: that which Clarksons had owed the customers under their contracts and that which Clarksons had owed the banks under their indemnities. Payment by T.O.S.G. had reduced the customers' debts by £1,268,000 and increased the banks' debt by the like sum. The customers could not assign to the agency the right to prove for debts that had been discharged. There was no double proof. The agency's proof must be rejected.

Lord Brightman delivered an opinion agreeing with Lord Templeman.

Lord Diplock, Lord Keith and Lord Brandon agreed

Solicitors: Slaughter & May; Wilde Sapte, Stephenson Harwood.

Serving writ outside jurisdiction

Cordoba Shipping Co Ltd v National State Bank, Elizabeth, New Jersey

Before Lord Justice Ackner and Lord Justice Robert Goff

[Judgment delivered March 29]

Where the court had jurisdiction to grant leave to serve a writ out of the jurisdiction on the basis that the action was founded on a tort committed within the jurisdiction and therefore the court so having jurisdiction was the most appropriate court to try the claim, the court would exercise its discretion to allow service since the court having such jurisdiction was prima facie the natural forum for the determination of the dispute.

The Court of Appeal so held and allowed an appeal by the owners of a vessel, Cordoba Shipping Co Ltd, against a decision of Mr Justice Staughton who set aside an ex parte order made by Mr Justice Parker who gave the owners leave to serve a writ claiming damages for negligent misrepresentation on the respondent bank, the National State Bank, Elizabeth, New Jersey, out of the jurisdiction in New Jersey.

Mr Bernard Rix, QC and Mr Hugo Page for the owners; Mr Leslie Joseph, QC and Mr Gerald Rabie for the bank.

LORD JUSTICE ACKNER said that the owners were a Liberian company and had agents in London. Their agents had a broking subsidiary based at the same London address. The owners' vessel was chartered to charterers whose obligations were guaranteed.

Before concluding the fixture, the owners' brokers required a banker's status report on the guarantors.

The bank sent a telex to the brokers in London giving a reference in glowing terms. The owners said that in reliance upon it they accepted the guarantors.

The charterparty was not a success. The owners brought proceedings in New York and New Jersey against the charterers and guarantors for unpaid hire, but were unable to obtain the whole of the debt due. They therefore began these proceedings against the bank.

The court was bound by Diamond v Bank of London and Montreal ([1979] QB 333) where it was held that the tort of negligent misrepresentation was committed where the representation was received and acted upon.

On the material before him, Mr Justice Staughton held that the tort was committed within the jurisdiction. Having established that the court had jurisdiction to give leave to serve the writ out of the jurisdiction, the owners still had to satisfy the court that it was a proper case for the exercise of the court's discretion.

Mr Justice Staughton decided that issue of discretion against the owners. In English law a negligent misrepresentation by a bank as to creditworthiness was actionable. That principle had not yet been finally settled in New Jersey law.

Mr Justice Staughton decided that this was a case of forum shopping and that the natural forum for the action was in the United States.

The judge was not invited to consider Distillers Co (Biochemicals) Ltd v Thompson ([1971] AC 458,467-468). That made it clear that the jurisdiction in which a tort had been committed was prima facie the natural forum for the determination of the dispute.

England was thus the natural forum for the resolution of the dispute. Mr Justice Staughton was therefore in error in deciding that its choice could be criticized as forum shopping.

The judge's exercise of his discretion had to be set aside and the court, exercising its discretion, would allow service of the writ out of the jurisdiction.

Lord Justice Robert Goff delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Ince & Co; Marriott Harrison & Co.

Protecting markets

East Lindsey District Council v Hamilton and Others

A local authority did have an arguable case for saying that a statutory market should enjoy protection against disturbance by the establishment of a rival market within their district.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice Purchas) held on March 29 that in refusing to grant East Lindsey District Council an interim injunction pending trial to restrain the defendants from using land in their district as a market, Mr Justice Whitford had erred in holding that the council did not have an arguable case based on the provisions of section 49 of the Food And Drugs Act 1955

LORD JUSTICE OLIVER said that he was not going to determine the case one way or the other. However, he had been convinced by the argument of the council that they should be entitled to argue when the matter came to trial that section 49(3) of the 1955 Act extended to statutory markets the protection enjoyed by franchise markets against the establishment of a rival market within the local authority's district.

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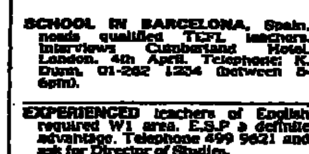
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Persons interested in being considered for the post or wishing to suggest anyone for consideration are invited to write, in confidence, to the *Pro-Chancellor, Sir Arthur Vick, c/o the Registrar, University of Warwick,* Coventry CV4 7AL not later than 14th May, 1984.

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SWANSEA
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Southampton THE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
Lectureship in Organic Chemistry

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The Times guide to career choice

Casing the administrative joint

Helen Steadman looks at opportunities in the Civil Service

Despite the government's policy of reducing the overall size of the Civil Service, there is still a steady recruitment of graduates and school leavers or older entrants with two A levels as executive officers. About 2,300 such posts were offered to external applications in 1983/84, and in the coming year this figure is expected to rise slightly.

Executive officers shoulder most of the day-to-day work of putting government policy into practice. They work in all the 60-odd Civil Service departments, in regional, local and Whitehall offices. The main employers are the big departments such as the Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise, Health and Social Security, Employment, the Ministry of Defence and The Lord Chancellor's Department (which administers the courts). There are, however, small and lesser-known bodies, such as the Nature Conservancy Council or the Registry of Friendly Societies, which also need their complement of staff.

A variety of different jobs is open to the executive officer. Casework, staff management, administration, finance and policy are the principal areas, but a particular job may involve a combination of elements from more than one of them. Additionally, there are specialist posts, such as collector of taxes, or immigration officer.

Work in individual cases is an important part of many executive officer jobs, and it can involve contact with a range and variety of people.

Officers may make outside visits – for example, in Customs and Excise they visit traders' premises to discuss VAT returns. In other departments, casework could involve dealing with correspondence and telephone calls – such as processing farmers' claims for grants in the Ministry of Agriculture, fisheries and food.

Many jobs have a financial aspect. The Customs and Excise officers who scrutinize company accounts obviously need to understand accounting procedures. There are some executive officers whose work is wholly financial – perhaps dealing with departmental budgets, or controlling and processing contracts with outside organizations.

Other executive officers are purely administrators, concerned mainly with providing the support necessary to keep any large organization running smoothly. Their work could involve keeping records, office administration, or the dissemination of information about new regulations. A number of administrative jobs involve some public contact of management responsibility.

A small proportion of executive officers is involved in policy work, acting as assistants to senior civil servants or ministers. They might be involved in researching the effect of a particular policy, or helping to draft answers to parliamentary questions.

About a third of all executive officers take up more specialized work. In the Inland Revenue, there are tax collectors, responsible for ensuring that tax is paid, and tax officers (Higher Grade), who examine tax returns, and assess taxpayers' entitlements to allowances and reliefs. Examiners in the Insolvency Service deal with the affairs of companies in compulsory liquidation and with partnerships and individuals that have gone bankrupt. Then there are immigration officers, trainee accountants, and employment advisers in the Manpower Services Commission. Another important area is computer programming; for this, as with all executive officer jobs, the necessary training is provided.

It is possible to express a preference for a particular department, location and type of work when applying for a post. It does help, though, to be flexible, particularly about location, as the majority of vacancies are likely to be in London and the South-east.

Once accepted by the service, one can usually expect to spend at least four years as an executive officer, probably doing more than one type of job, before being considered for promotion to the next grade. For the brightest, graduates or not, there is always the possibility of earlier, accelerated promotion, with opportunities to progress more rapidly up the career ladder.

Bright new computer stars

How would you like to invest £3,000 in setting up a new business and move into profit within two months? Two young men from Hampshire have just pulled off this coup, and their achievement is all the more remarkable because both are still in their teens.

They are Peter Stevens, 19, and his friend Alan Lloyd, 17, who is in his last year at sixth form college.

Their business, Interstella Software, is founded on Alan's design of a computer game called *Defenda.* It is a copy of a very popular game only available in amusement arcade machines. Two copies of this game are already on the market – game ideas are not covered by copyright, only the computer code is patented – but Alan's code makes a game for the home micro user which is nearer than any other to the arcade original, he says.

The business began by accident. Peter and Alan met in the computer room of Brockenhurst Sixth Form College. Peter, in the form above Alan's, noticed his skill at writing codes and they bacame friends. When they discovered that they both liked the same arcade game Alan started writing a code for a similar game, just for fun. When Peter saw Alan's work on *Defenda,* he proposed they form a company to market it. "I've always wanted to have my own business," he said. "You never earn a million if you work for other people."

He persuaded his father, who works in finance, to put up the capital to pay for a master tape of the code, sample games, artwork and publicity material. "It appealed to me," said Alan Stevens, Peter's father. "If you do a job where you are responsible for other people's money, it is tempting to take a risk. In fact the costs were about six times what Peter anticipated, but once we were in we had to go on."

They knew the investment would pay off soon after Peter began showing the game to local micro shops. One retailer sent a copy to a game supplier, and the supplier firm offered to buy it and pay royalties. "That was not what we wanted," said Peter. "Our name would not have been on the package, and we want our names known so we can obtain the rewards for the new games we were producing."

Peter went to many local shops and got 100 orders, but most retailers preferred to be supplied by large distributing firms. He decided to make direct contact with the distributors.

The game is designed for the Sinclair ZX 48K Spectrum computer, and he wanted to take it to the ZX Microfair at Alexandra Palace in early February. At the last minute the artwork company let him down, but he found a local printing company which produced the brightly coloured cassette covers in four days.

He took the game, complete with artwork, to the fair, where he met representatives from several major distributors. He came back with 1,600 orders, and Interstella was really in business. It took only one day for Peter and a girl across the road to despatch 1,000 game cassettes.

The potential market is vast. Two million ZX micros are owned in Britain, and 10,000 more are sold each month. Competition is strong, but the excellent response to Interstella's *Defenda* indicates it will be well received by the micro users. The first advertisement directed at users will appear in April, and Peter has a pile of cassettes stacked in his bedroom in Brockenhurst waiting for the orders.

Alan is already working on a new game. He is also revising for his A levels, hoping to study computer science at university. "I suppose my A level grades might be better if I wasn't writing codes for games," he said. "But if I was not working on that I would be writing something else."

Sally Hesmondhalgh

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
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Applications are invited for the above post. Stipend according to age on the scale £7,190 to £15,085. The successful candidate may be offered a stipendiary Tutorial Fellowship at Somerville College, the statutes of which provide that all Fellows shall be women, or, if a man is appointed, at Queen's College. Further details may be obtained from Professor C. Blakemore, University Laboratory of Physiology, Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PT, to whom applications *(nine typed copies, or two from overseas applicants)* with the names of three referees should be sent by May 14, 1984

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Further details from: Miss C. M. Evans, Department of Geography and Earth Science, Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS (Tel 01-980 4811, Ext 3400)

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Salary will be within the range £7,190-£14,125 per annum plus £1,186 per annum London Allowance, and USS pension scheme

Application forms and further particulars are available from the Assistant Registrar, King's College London, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS (tel 01 836 5454 ext 2689). Applications should be submitted in duplicate with the names of two referees as soon as possible and not later than 24 April 1984.

University of York
Department of Biology
Lecturer in Molecular Genetics

Applications are invited for the above lectureship which will be available for five years from 1st October 1984. Preference will be given to those with experience in recombinant DNA technology and applicants should outline the programme of research that they would like to pursue at York. The Department has a new gene cloning facility which will be *available for use by the appointee.* The successful applicant will be expected *to contribute* to the department's genetics teaching.

Salary on the Lecturers' scale £7,190 – £14,125 with USS.

Six copies of applications (one from overseas candidates) with curricula vitae and naming three referees, should be sent by 4 May 1984 to Registrar's Department (Staff Appointments), University of York, Heslington, York YO1 5DD, from whom further particulars are available. Please quote reference number 1/3205.

Informal enquiries about the appointment can be made to Dr J. R. Warr, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Biology (telephone 0904-59861, ext. 5829)

The University of Sheffield
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Particulars from the Registrar and Secretary (Staffing), The University, Sheffield S10 2TN to whom applications (one copy), including the names and addresses of three referees should be sent by 30 April 1984. Quote ref: R 48/A

University of Bristol
CHAIR IN GEOGRAPHY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for a Chair in Geography tenable from 1st August, 1984. In making the appointment the University will have regard for the Department of Geography's involvement in the Faculty of Science. Candidates are sought with major interests and experience within the field of physical geography or a closely related area. Candidates are invited to submit applications, including the names and addresses of three referees, not later than the 30th May 1984 to the Registrar and Secretary, University Senate House, Bristol BS8 1TH, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
'New Blood' appointments in Arts and Social Studies

Applications are invited for the following university lectureships tenable from 1 October 1984. It is intended that each of these appointments should be held in conjunction with a college fellowship. Further particulars of the university lectureships and of the relevant college appointments may be obtained from the person named below, to whom applications (ten typed copies or one from overseas applicants) should be sent. (Separate application is not necessary for the associated college appointments.) The closing date for receipt of applications is **7 May 1984.**

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THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
School of Dentistry
Department of Dental Surgery
Chair of Dental Surgery

Applications are invited for the Chair of Dental Surgery which will become vacant upon the retirement of Professor F E Hopper on 30th September 1985. The person appointed will be a registered *Dental Practitioner who is able to integrate the academic and clinical fields.*

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The Queen's University of Belfast
RESEARCH ASSISTANT
(TWO POSTS)
Department of Computer Science

Required for a project funded by SERC under its Software Technology Initiative on the development of techniques including the construction of software tools, for specifying and verifying Pascal programs. Candidates, appropriately qualified, should preferably have experience in programming theory, program verification and language design

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Applications, with the names and addresses of two referees, should be sent to the Personnel Officer, The Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland BT7 1NN. Closing date, 16th April, 1984 (Please quote Ref 84/CS1)

UMIST
'NEW BLOOD' LECTURESHIP IN MATHEMATICS

Applications are invited for the above post in the Department of Mathematics. Applicants should have a research interest in algebra or a related field

The appointment will commence on 1 October, or as soon as possible thereafter. Salary will be according to age, qualifications and experience on the scale £7,190-£14,125 p.a.

Requests for application forms and further particulars quoting MAT/44/A should be sent to the Registrar, Room B9, UMIST, P O Box 88, Manchester M60 1QD to whom they should be returned as soon as possible.

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University Appointments



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

Applications are invited for the following
Lectureships:

which will be effective form the beginning of the Session 1984/1985 and which have been established under the *national scheme to encourage the appointment of younger* members of the academic staff (the "New Blood" scheme). Applicants should normally be under the age of 35 years.

CIVIL ENGINEERING – ENGINEERING SURVEYING
(Ref No 932)

Applications are invited from graduates with a strong research interest and/or practical experience in one or more *of the following fields:* Space Geodesy, *Physical Geodesy,* and Geophyics. The candidate will be expected to teach at *both undergraduate* and postgraduate levels, as well as to pursue his/her own research interests.

INORGANIC (ANALYTICAL) CHEMISTRY
(Ref No 933)

The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to Inorganic and Analytical teaching research, and in particu*lar to initiate research in new analytical techniques and* instrumentation. It is hoped that the appointee's interests *will complement a wide range of activities in the Depart*ment, which are summarised in the further particualrs.

PHYSIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE – PLANT MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
(Ref No 934)

The person appointed *will be required to be interested* in the identification, isolation and characterisation of plant genes and *differentiation.* Science at Sutton Bonington and the Lecturer will be joining an existing group with interest and expertise *in this area.* the person appointed will give instruction to third-year and postgraduate students.

FOOD SCIENCE
(Ref No 935)

This is an appointment in the Department of Applied Biochemistry and Food Science at the Sutton Bonington campus for a Lecturer in *Macromolecular* Interactions in Food Systems. The appointee will extend fundamental studies on the interactions of biopolymers in food systems, *with the intention of elucidating their role* in determining the structure of both traditional and novel foods; and and will assist in the food *science teaching programme,* in particular with the course of Food Technology.
Candidates should hold a first or upper second class B.Sc degree in Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, Physics or Biophysics, together with postgraduate qualifications and experience in an appropriate field.

THEORETICAL MECHANICS
(Ref No 936)

Applicants should be Applied Mathematicians, or Engineers *having* a strong Theoretical background, with research interests in Theoretical Solid Mechanics or a *closely* related subject. Suitable candidates who are not at present engaged in Solid Mechanics but are willing to develop an *interest* in this subject will also be considered.

MINING ENGINEERING MINERAL PROCESSING
(Ref No 938)

This appointment in the area of Mineral Procesing will be with particular reference to fine coal treatment. Candidates should *possess* a sound knowledge of surface chemistry and preferably have plant experience in flotation and filtration. The successful candidate will be expected to lecture and research in mineral processing, coal utilisation *and other related mining topics.*

PHYSICS
(Ref No 939)

The Department is establishing a major research group on *the physics of low demensional structures and it is in*tended that in addition to teaching duties, the person appointed *should develop phonon imaging techniques to* examine the angular distribution and polarisation of phonons emitted from a hot two dimesional electron gas (MOSFET, heterostructure etc). Experience of working in the *liquid helium range would be of value* although not essential.

PHYSIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE – ANIMAL PHYSICS
(Ref No 940)

*The person appointed will be required to teach undergrad*uate and postgraduate courses in neuro-physiology and *neuro-pharmacology. Applicants should preferably hold an* houours degree in Physiology or allied disciplines with a *doctorate training in neuro-physiology or neuro-pharma*cology. Research interests preferably in the neuro-endoc*trine control of growth, reproduction or lactation.*

The salary for these appointments will be within the range £7,190 to £14,125 per annum.

Further particulars and forms of application, returnable not later than 30 April 1984, may be obtained from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD. PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE NUMBER.

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER
School of Education

Applications are invited for the following posts which are tenable from 1 October 1984. Candidates should be well qualified and have successful recent teaching experience in the relevant subject.

1. Lecturers in Primary Education –
2 permanent posts (Ref. no. 3363)
The persons appointed will be members of an expanding team of tutors involved in primary education in both initial and in-service teacher training. *They will be expected to contribute to the general* curriculum/professional components of the Primary (7 to 12 years) *courses in BEd and PGCE and also to offer a particular strength in* at least one area of the Primary school curriculum and to contribute *to in-service courses.*

2. Lecturers in Physical Education –
2 permanent posts (Ref. no. 3364)
The persons appointed will join a strong team of tutors involved in both initial and in-service training. The BEd course will admit both men and women students from October 1984. They will work with students on BEd and PGCE courses in both academic and practical areas and strong contributions will be sought in excercise physiology and related areas as well as in sociological and curriculum concerns. An ability to teach a range of practical activites, particulary racquet games and team games including netball, will be expected

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1 temporary 2 year post *(Ref no. 3365)*
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Commencing salary for all posts will be within the range £7,190-£14,125 per annum with placement dependent on age and experience

Further particulars are available from the Personnel Office, University of Exeter, Exeter EX4 4QJ to who applications (seven copies) with the names and addresses of three referees should be sent by Friday 27 April quoting the appropriate reference number

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BIRTHS

BICKFORD-SMITH–On March 27th to Margaret and Peter, a son (Michael Rupert David), a brother for Sacha and Charlotte.

BUDGE – On March 20th to Sarah and David, a son Alexander, Hubert McClintock.

DOBSON on 27th March at Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, to Philippa and Paul, a son (James Paul Romsey).

EDGE – On March 26th, to Ann (née Dickins) and Jeremy, a daughter, Melanie Louise Dickins, a sister for Romilly.

GARTON. On 29th March at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, C.I. to Annabel (nee Hudson) and Juan – a daughter.

GRAHAM – On 20th March, 1984, to Caroline (nee Service) and Neil, a daughter (Georgina Caroline Hermione).

METZGER. – On March 24th at Epsom District Hospital to Margaret (nee Green) and Wilhem – a son (James Gregory), a brother for Alexander.

MYERS. – On March 29th, to Martin and Nicole – a son, brother to Clementine.

POTTER On 29th March 1984 to Gillian and Jonathan, a son David, John, Charles, a brother for Lucy and William.

STRAWSON – On March 27th, at St Luke's Hospital, Guildford, to Hilary (né Warner) and James, a son, Matthew Stephen, a brother for Christopher and Peter.

WHITE. – On February 29th, to Christine (nee Winter) and David – a son (Michael Richard Oscar), a brother for Thomas.

GOLDEN WEDDING

WOODALL–PAYNE. – John & Daphne on 2nd April, 1934, at All Saints Church, Tientsin, now at Torteval, Guernsey.

DEATHS

BOUTTELL. – On March 29th, 1984, peacefully at home, Waynforth, John Bouttell of Barn Cottage, Brill, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, the dearly beloved husband of Joy and of his first wife, the late Evelyn Bouttell. Cremation private, followed by a service of thanksgiving at All Saint's Church, Brill, on Wednesday, April 4th at 3 pm. Donations in his memory, may if wished, be sent to either The Queen's Nurses Benefit Fund c/o Queen's Nurses Institute, 57 Lower Belgrave Street, London, SW1 or The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 28 Belgrave Square, London, SW1.

BURGOYNE on March 29th, Rosemary, beloved wife of Frank Lawrence Burgoyne, of 1 Mount Eden Park, Belfast. Deeply regretted by all the family.

DRAGE. – On March 28, John Maurice, peacefully while on holiday in Wengen, Switzerland. Deeply loved & respected father & friend. Funeral private.

FORWARD. – On March 26th, 1984, peacefully at home, Eric Sinclair, dearly loved husband of Olive, father and friend of Sylvia, Peter, Neil and Roger and loving grandfather to Fiona, Joanna, Richard, James and Nicholas. Formerly chairman of Nathaniel Lloyd & Co. Ltd. Funeral service at Bexleyheath Methodist Church at 2.30pm on Tuesday April 3rd, followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to National Children's Home, 85 Highbury Park, London N5 1UD.

FROST. – On March 29, 1984, peacefully in his 86th year, at the Royal Marsden Hospital after a long illness, Albert Frost, FIStructE, husband of Macia and father of Estelle. Private family cremation. No flowers.

HODDER–On March 30th, peacefully at home in her sleep, Geraldine Ione, youngest daughter of Colonel and Mrs C. Goodwin and widow of F. C. Hodder. Once of Ballea Castle, County Cork, much loved aunt of Jill, Robin and Lucy Collett. Funeral service at Cheltenham Cemetery Chapel, on Wednesday, April 4th, at 11.15am. Flowers may be sent to Selim Smith & Co, 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham.

HUTCHINSON – Rev William Dennison, on 30th March, peacefully in hospital, aged 72. Requiem mass at St. Monica's Church, Palmers Green, on Friday 6th April at 11am.

JONES. – on March 28th, peacefully with no pain, Gwendoline Anne Jones, mother of Anthony and friend of many. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday, 4th April, at 1.30pm. Donations may be sent to Cancer Research, c/o J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 83 Westbourne Grove, london, W2. Tel 01-229 9861.

KING SPARK – on March 20th peacefully in hospital after a short illness Ruth, widow of Henry, a much-loved sister and aunt greatly missed by her many friends. By her own special request the funeral has already taken place privately. No letters please but enquiries to her sister, Elspeth Alston, tel Oakwood Hill (030679) 410.

MACKINTOSH – On 29th March, 1984, Colonel Arthur Murray, OBE, MC, husband of Joan and father of Alison. Funeral private. No flowers or letters by request.

NEUFELD – Charlotte on March 29, peacefully at home.

SINCLAIR – on 29th March, 1984 at Ednaston, Rona Margaret, aged 69 years, of Parwich. Donations to World Wild Life Fund or McMillan Continuing Care Unit, if wished, to A Slater & Sons, Funeral Directors, Mayfield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 2LE.

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YOUNG – On 29th March, peacefully at home, Hubert Turner Penn, aged 94 years. Funeral at Tolleshunt D'Arcy Church at 2.30, Tuesday, 3rd April.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HODSON.– A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Hodson will be held in the Temple Church at 4.45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 1984.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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George f Berkeley. Auto-what?

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Dated this 26th day of March 1984
Liquidator or Liquidators

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THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 TO 1967

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Dated this 16th day of March 1984.
M. C. WITHALL
Liquidator

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Dated the 22nd day of March 1984
By order of the Board.
V. A. BACON.
Director or Secretary

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary General Meetings of THE LONDON LIFE ASSOCIATION LIMITED and THE METROPOLITAN LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY and the Joint General Meeting of the Association and the Society will be held at The Armourers' Hall, 81 Coleman Street, in the City of London, on Wednesday, 16th May 1984 at 12.30 pm to transact the following business:

1. To receive and consider the report of the Directors and the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1983 together with the report of the Auditors thereon.
2. To re-elect Directors:
(a) Sir Humphrey Prideaux and Mr A. K. Tudor retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.
(b) Mr A. C. Black having been re-appointed and Mr M. Short and Dr J. Evans having been appointed since the last Ordinary General Meetings, retire and offer themselves for re-election.
3. To consider a resolution under Article 42 of the Articles of Association that the Directors' fees from the year 1984 inclusive shall not exceed in any year the sum of £70,000.
4. To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as Auditors and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
5. To transact ordinary business.

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6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Selina Scott and Mike Smith. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television preview at 6.55; review of this morning's newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; new film and pop records between 7.45 and 8.00; horoscopes at 8.33.
9.00 Gardeners' World from Barnsdale (shown last Friday) 9.25 Songs of Praise presented by Russell Harty from Kirkby Lonsdale (shown yesterday) 10.00 Ceefax 10.30 Play School, presented by Sheelagh Gilbey (r) 10.55 Ceefax.
12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and John Cole. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles) 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Among the guests is Eric Sykes, talking about his literary debut 1.45 Hokey Cokey. For the very young (r).
2.00 Well Woman. Part four: Change of Life. A look at the menopause (r) 2.25 In Search of . . . Eric Bloodaxe. Michael Wood traces the history of the last ruler of independent Northumbria (r) 3.10 The Gateways. Civil War re-enactment enthusiasts (r).
3.40 Cartoon Double Bill 3.53 Regional news (not London) 3.55 Play School, presented by Sharon Shah 4.20 The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse (r) 4.25 Busker. The adventures of the Back Alley Kids. The first of a new series with Christopher Lillicrap 4.40 Lassie. The canine heroine saves a young fawn 5.05 Newsround 5.10 Blue Peter. Simon Groom visits the Merseyside museum, Beatle City.
5.40 Sixty Minutes includes news from Moira Stuart at 5.40; and Mrs Glenys Kinnock's first television interview since her husband became leader of the Labour Party.
6.40 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.
7.10 Blue Thunder. All the rules go by the board when Frank Chaney and his team hunt a gang of drug-running terrorists who have kidnapped the daughter of the Blue Thunder team's chief.
8.00 Points of View. Barry Took fields the brickbats and savours the praise for BBC television programmes.
8.10 Panorama: The Certain Road to Absurdity. Richard Lindley reports on the Government's efforts to check the mounting cost of defence without defaulting on our defence commitments.
9.00 News with John Humphrys.
9.25 The Brink's Job (1978) starring Peter Falk. The story behind the robbery of Boston Security vault in 1950 by a gang of bungling crooks. Based on fact. Directed by William Friedkin. First showing on British television.
11.05 Film 84 presented by Barry Norman. Jeremy Irons talks about his latest film, Swann in Love; William Golding discusses his new book, Adventures in the Screen Trade; and among the new releases reviewed is Kenny Everett's spoof horror, Blood Bath at the House of Death.
11.33 News headlines.
11.35 Tom Jones Now! Part one of his two-part concert recorded in the United States.
12.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and John Stapleton. News with Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.35; money matters at 6.40 and 8.45; exercises at 6.50 and 9.15; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.05; guest in the Spotlight at 7.20; cartoon at 7.25; Barbara Windsor at 7.40; pop video at 7.55; star romance at 8.10; Jimmy Greaves' television choice at 8.35; and the TV-am doctor at 9.08.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street. Learning made fun with the Muppets. 10.25 Film: Double Whoopee* (1929) starring Laurel and Hardy. They bring chaos to the hotel where they work. Also starring Jean Harlow. 10.50 Bracken. Drama set in Co. Wicklow. 11.40 Sport Billy. Adventures of the world's greatest athlete.
12.00 Alphabet Zoo. The last in the present series finds Nerys Hughes and Ralph McTell with Zoe the Zebra. 12.10 Let's Pretend to the story of The Runaway Shoe. 12.30 Baby and Co. Miriam Stoppard discusses the problems of getting out and about with baby.
1.00 News with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news from Robin Houston. 1.30 Talking Personally. In this first of a new series Andrew Gardner talks to Peter Timms, a former governor of Maidstone Prison who, at the age of 52, became a Methodist minister.
2.00 Film: John and Julie (1955) Sentimental comedy about a six-year-old girl who persuades her 12-year-old friend to help her run away to see the Coronation. Strong supporting cast includes Peter Sellers. Directed by William Fairchild. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer.
4.00 Alphabet Zoo. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Aubrey. Comedy adventures of an odd inventor (r). 4.20 The Incredible Hulk. The first of a new series of animated adventures. 4.45 Danger – Marmalade at Work (Oracle titles page 170). 5.00 Dangermouse. 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes. American comedy.
5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Help! Community action news from Viv Taylor Gee.
6.35 Crossroads. Philip Reece receives some bad news.
7.00 What's My Line? Odd occupations to be unravelled by Eric Morecambe, Jilly Cooper, Patrick Mower, Barbara Kelly and George Gale.
7.30 Coronation Street. Curly Watts begins to worry about his image.
8.00 The Kit Curran Radio Show. The first of a new comedy series starring Denis Lawson as the multi-purpose DJ of an ailing local radio station.
8.30 World in Action. An investigation into some of the most controversial allergies – those relating to food – which include asthma, eczema, migraine and epilepsy.
9.00 Charlie. Part three and private detective Charlie Alexander's number one suspect for the murder of Stan Peace is dead.
10.00 News.
10.30 Des O'Connor Now! New music and chat series live from the Royalty Theatre, London.
11.30 The Timeless Land. The first programme in a new series dramatizing the early days of the colonisation of Australia.
12.25 Night Thoughts from the Rev Jim Graham, a Baptist minister.

Julia Migenes-Johnson on Channel 4. 10.00pm.

CHOICE

● THE HEART OF THE DRAGON (Channel 4, 9.00pm), after nine weekly instalments, continues to astonish. It is an unprecedented anatomy of a country, combining broad sweeps with small detail, and never forgetting that, when all is said and done, it is people that matter. Tonight's film, Understanding, is about science. Regular viewers of the series will by now have reached the stage where nothing about China surprises them. Thus, they will find no contradiction in the fact that the same nation that is firing laser beams at a satellite also examines hens and deer for early signs of an earthquake, or that, in the treatment of illness, western-style antibiotics are complemented by monkey brains and hedgehog skin. Western society has nothing to compare with China, moreover, where progressive catering is concerned. There are health food restaurants where you describe your ailment as you enter and your menu is arranged accordingly. Duck, garnished with caterpillars, may not look all that attractive but the nourishment content is said to be high. The elixir of life is not yet on offer, says David Kennard's commentary in what, for this series, is a rare flight of whimsy.

● "No wonder", says Beryl Bainbridge, sourly, over shots of churches in the second film in her English Journey (BBC2, 7.20pm) "that Birmingham is so fond of God. God knows, He's needed here." There is nothing about this Midlands city that pleases her, with the exception of a rundown district where Asians and West Indians live; and the reason she likes this is because of the absence of menace. Her reaction to a local car-producing plant is predictable. "All the cars seem to be screaming – and serve them right." Even the sight of children being shown around the plant gives her an attack of dyspensia. Why aren't they in the schoolroom, learning to spell, instead of learning about jobs that, thanks to robots, probably won't exist when the youngsters are old enough to apply for them? In future, she wonders, will people make robots, or robots make robots. Miss Bainbridge leaves the question in the air and looks to the Cotswolds for balm. She finds some, enough to raise her, our our spirits.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Lord Kelvin's Clock. 6.30 Oceanography: Water Masses. 6.55 Maths: "Real" Exponential Functions. 7.20 Beneath Scotland. 7.45 Bayesian Money. Ends at 8.10.
9.00 Ceefax.
9.45 Daytime on Two: German conversation. 10.00 You and Me. 10.15 Another chapter from the tale of The Boys From Space. 10.40 Home economics: Vitamin C. 11.00 The iron and steel industry. 11.20 Japan: The crowded islands. 11.40 General studies: The Bugs business. 12.05 Ceefax. 2.00 Wide games. 2.30 English language: writing stories.
2.50 Ceefax.
5.10 Making the Connections. An Open University production that examines the materials that have been used for plumbing from Roman times to the present day.
5.35 News summary with subtitles.
5.40 Film: Three Godfathers (1948) starring John Wayne, Ward Bond and Harry Carey Jr in the title roles. Three bank robbers, on the run from the sheriff come across a dying woman and her child. The woman convinces the three soft-hearted outlaws to take the child to New Jerusalem, Arizona. Directed by John Ford.
7.20 English Journey. Part two of the eight-programme odyssey by Beryl Bainbridge following in the footsteps of J. B. Priestley (see Choice).
8.00 Call My Bluff. Frank Muir, Joanna Lumley and Chris Searle attempt to bluff Arthur Marshall, Rosemary Leach and Robert Powell. Robert Robinson is in the chair.
8.30 Sporting Chance presented by Anneke Rice. Billy Connolly continues his riding lessons, Joe Brown his boules. Suzi Quatro tries her hand at clay pigeon shooting.
9.00 The Fainthearted Feminist. Martha's mother announces that she is coming to stay but no amount of Mary's therapy can stop the occasion from being a disaster.
9.30 Horizon: A Killer in the Village – Update. A follow-up investigation into the spread of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome – AIDS.
10.25 A Fight To Remember presented by Harry Carpenter. The last programme of the series features action involving Tony Sibson, Colin Jones and Jim Watt.
10.55 Newsnight.
11.40 A Voyage Between Two Seas. With Pete Morgan as he travels by inland water from the Irish Sea to the North Sea. Tonight he is on the canal that crosses the Pennines (r).
12.10 Open University: Dickens and Popular Imagery. 12.35 The Making of the Open University. Ends at 1.05.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Countdown. A new 13-week series (the third) of the popular anagram and mental arithmetic competition. The first two contestants are David Gillespie, a teacher from Whitchurch in Shropshire and Margaret Webb of Sevenoaks. Richard Whiteley is again the questionmaster, this time assisted by author, Nigel Rees.
5.30 Jeopardy. A second series of the fast moving unusual general knowledge quiz presented by Derek Hobson. The quiz is unusual because Mr Hobson gives the answers to the contestants who then have to supply the questions.
6.00 Here's Lucy. The dizzy Lucy tries in vain to get Uncle Harry to let her take a two-week holiday but he insists that she has used up that amount of time on long lunch-hours, private telephone calls in the company's time and extended coffee breaks.
6.30 Make It Count. The last programme in Fred Harris's series designed to assist those whose mind goes blank at the thought of figurework. Today he moves into the world of metric units (r).
7.00 Channel Four News with Peter Sissons includes a report from Jon Snow on Jesse Jackson's efforts to woo voters in New York's Harlem.
7.50 Comment. With a personal view on a matter of topical interest is Ines Rioja Pell, an Argentinian journalist and cartoonist.
8.00 Henry Cooper's Golden Belt. Belfast and Newcastle battle for the last semi-final place in the Inter City Boys' Clubs Boxing Challenge. Henry Cooper gives the boys words on encouragement in the dressing room and reassures their parents at the ringside. Helping Henry Cooper to select the 'Best Young Boxer of the Night' is former world welterweight champion, John H. Stracey. From Wallsend Boys' Club.
9.00 The Heart of the Dragoon. Understanding is the title of this 10th programme in the 12-part series and it explains how traditional sciences combine in a harmonizing effect with modern scientific methods (see Choice).
10.00 Top C's and Tiaras. Melody and entertainment drawn from the world of operetta and light music. With American opera singer Julia Migenes–Johnson supported by a British cast of Benjamin Luxon, Della Jones, Marilyn Hill-Smith, Peter Morrison and Laurence Dale (r).
11.00 The Eleventh Hour: The Films of Stephen Dwoskin. A documentary that examines the debate that surrounds the work of the controversion film-maker.
12.00 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Week from Northern Ireland 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News summary. 6.45 Prayer. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 The Week on 4. A look ahead
8.43 John Ebdon in the BBC sound archives. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Start the Week with Richard Baker.†
10.00 News; Money Box.
10.30 Morning Story: "A Day to Remember" by Guy De Maupaussant. Read by Robert Rietty.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News; Travel: Down Your Way visits Pershore in the Vale of Evesham.
11.48 Poetry Please! Presented by Dannie Abse.
12.00 News: You and Yours. Consumer Advice.
12.27 Don't Stop Now – It's Fundalion. Non-stop comedy cabaret
1.00 The World at One; News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News: Woman's Hour. New others talk about going back to work after producing a child.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Snapping Out, By Martin Worth. Play based on the true story of Susan Swatland's defection to the Moonies in 1980, and her parents' efforts to reclaim her.
4.30 What's in a Name? with Dennis Owen.
4.40 Story Time: "Futility" by William Gerhardie. Abridged in ten parts (1). The reader is Roger Rees. 5.00pm: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme news.
6.00 The six o'clock news; Financial report.
6.30 The news quiz. With Simon Hoggart, Alan Coren, Joh Wells, David Taylor, and Gillian Reynolds (r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 With respect, Ambassador. The last of a five-part inquirnto the Foreign Office – 'The Diplomats' New Clothes'. A Simon Jenkins investigation (r).
7.50 The Trail of Blood. Derek Parker follows the trail of an average 'pinta' from donation centre to laboratory. Those taking part include Kenneth Williams (r).
8.15 The Monday Play 'An Uncommon Love' by Micheline Wandor. A play based on, and coinciding with the publication of, the newly-discovered diaries of Hannah Culwick (Elizabeth Rider), a servant girl who had a secret love affair and marriage with the Victorian man of letters Arthur Munby (John Rowe).
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Arts magazine.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: I'm Not Complaining' by Ruth Adam. Abridged in 12 parts (1).
10.30 The World Tonight: Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News. 12.00 Weather. 12.15 Close. Shipping Forecast.
ENGLAND VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00 Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00 Study on 4: Nursing Extra (5). 11.30-12.00am Open University:

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Dvorak's Slavonic Dance Op 72 No 1; Grieg's Violin Sonata (Broz/Vrana); Verdi's Mercé dilette amiche (Cerquetti): and Copland's Four Dance Episodes (Rodeo. 18.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Back's Harpsichord Concerto No 5 (Pinnock and English Concert); Haydn's String Quartet Op 71 No 2: and Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks. 19.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Louis Spohr. The works include the Fantasie in C minor Op 35 No 2; Pot-pourri on themes from Mozart's Magic Flute: and the Concerto in G, 1806. †
10.00 Beethoven, Debussy and Rachmaninov: Piano recital by Susan Howes. She plays Beethoven's Sonata Op 32 No 10; ans Study in E flat minor, Op 39 No 5. †
10.40 Dvorak: Czech Philharmonic Orch play Bax's Symphonic poem Tintagel; and Robert Simpson's Symph No 8. 11.00 News.
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: the Koenig Ensemble play Mozart's Adagio and Rondo in C K 617; Marco Tutino's Light Sonata; and Schoemberg's Chamber Symph Op 9. †
2.05 Music Weekly: second chance to hear yesterday's edition. Includes items on Spohr's bicentenary: the music of Meslier; and the Mahler-Strauss correspondence (r). †
2.55 New Records: Strauss's symphonic poem Don Juan; Tarrega's Jota (Yepes); Verdi's Dio, che nell'alma infonders (Don Carlo: Bergonzi/Fischer-Dieskau); Wagner's Siegfried Idyll: Liszt's Three Sonnets of Petrarch (Crossley, piano): and Rachmaninov's Symphonic Dances. †4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Natalie Wheen's selections of music.†
6.30 Music for Organ: Recital by Royston Havard, on the organ of St German's Church, Cardiff. He plays works by Frescobaldi, Bach (Fugue in B minor BWV 579); Brahms; and Richard Roderick Jones (first broadcast of Et transfiguratus est). †
7.05 Alec Guinness: The actor plays Edward Charles Lilly in Peter Barnes's monologue Confessions of a Jprimary Terrestrial Mental Receiver and Commulicator: Num 111 Mark 1 (r).
7.30 Mahler's Tenth Symphony: Part one. A performance by the Frankfurt Radio SO, conducted by Eliahu Inbal. From the Old Opera House in Frankfurt. Original version of the first movement. †
8.00 Politics and Development: Talk by Elie Kedourie, Professor of Politics at the London School of Economics. He discusses the political inheritance of Asia and Africa.
8.20 Mahler's Tenth Symphony: Part two of this performance by the Frankfurt Radio SO. We hear Deryck Cook's five-movement performing version.†
9.40 Clarinet Quintets: the Alberni String Quartet play Coleridge-Taylor's Clarinet Quintet: and Arnold Cooke's. With Thea King (clarinet).†
10.30 Jazz Today: Charles Fox introduces the Eddie Prevost Quartet.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18
VHF only; Open University. 6.35-6.55am Shakespeare's Globe: 11.20pm Magnetic Circuits; 11.40pm-12.00 Technology: beyond electric money.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Major bulletins: 7.00 am, 8.00, 1.00 pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. News headlines: 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 (mf/mw). 4.00am Colin Berry†. 5.30 Ray Moore†incl. 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.30 Terry Wogan†incl. 8.31 Racing. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 10.00 Jimmy Young†. 12.00 pm Steve Jones†incl. 1.05 Sport. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford†incl. 2.02; 3.02 Sport. 3.30 Music All The Way†. 4.00 David Hamilton†incl. 4.02; 5.05 Sport. 6.00 John Dunn†incl. 6.02 Sport; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 8.00 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era†. 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton†. 9.55 Sports. 10.00 Monday Movie Quiz with Ray Moore. 10.30 Star Sound with Nick Jackson and soundtrack requests. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Charles Nove presents Nightride†. 3.00-4.00 Folk on 2†.

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies, incl. 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Janice Long, incl. 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† VHF RADIOS 1 and 2: 4.00 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 Baker's Half Dozen. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Great Brown Pencord Motor. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Waveguide. 9.25 Good Books. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Music Now. 10.15 The Future of Work. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 An Ice Cream War. 11.30 Omnibus. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Winning at Losing. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 The Cambridge Buskers. 1.45 Caribbean Programme. 2.30 Pageant of the Past. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Iberia, Iberia. 4.30 The Future of Work. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Sports International. 9.00 Network U.K. 9.15 An Ice-Cream War. 9.30 Counterpoint. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Iberia, Iberia. 11.30 Winning at Losing. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1.00 Concert Hall. 1.45 World Service Shoret Story. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Good Books. 2.30 Music Now. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The Future of Work. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4.45 Letter from London. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 A Strolling Player. (All times in GMT)

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC1 Wales. 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 6.40-7.10 Focus on Rugby. 12.00 News and weather. Scotland. 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.55 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 6.40-7.10 Superscot. 11.35-12.05am Caercall. 12.05 News and weather. Northern Ireland. 12.57-1.00pm Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 6.40-7.10 Land 'n' Larder. 12.00 News and weather. England. 5.55pm Regional news magazines. 6.40-7.10 East – Mountford at Large . . . Eating Out. Midlands – Midland Sounds. North – The Lost River of Gaping Gill. North East – North Country. North West – Yes. South – Hey Look . . . That's Me! South West – Matrix. West – R.P.M. 12.05 Close.

S4C 2.20 Cân y Pibydd. 2.35 Egwyl/Interval. 3.05 Film: Cleopatra (Claudette Colbert). 4.55 Wil Cwac Cwac. 5.00 Helfa Drysor. 5.30 Barriers. 6.00 The Avengers. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Tyred Drosodd ! Facedonia. 8.00 Pwy Sy'n Perthyn? 8.30 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 9.00 The Jewel in the Crown. 10.00 Well Being. 10.40 Voices. 11.35 War and Peace. 12.30 Diwedd/Close.

BORDER As London except: 10.25 Stan and Ollie in Sugar Daddies. 10.50 Larry The Lamb. 11.05 The Nature of Things. 11.55-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20 Border News. 1.30-3.30 Film: The Assassination Bureau (Oliver Reed). 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 Lookaround Monday. 6.15 Canon In The Kitchen. 6.30-7.00 Mr & Mrs. 10.30 Crown Green Bowls. 11.15 The Sweeney. 12.15 News and Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

TVS As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 Farming Brief. 10.25 Film: Miranda* (Googie Withers). 11.45-12.00 The Little Rascals. 1.20 TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.35 Gossip. 2.10 Ladykillers: The Darlingest Boy. 3.10 Newsbreak. 3.20-4.00 The Sullivans. 5.15-5.45 The Beverly Hillbillies. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.40 Airmail. 10.30 Putting on the South. 11.00 Showcase. 11.15 Hill Street Blues. 12.15 Company, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25 Film: Forty Thieves* (Hopalong Cassidy). 11.25 Short Story Theatre. 11.55-12.00 Towser. 1.20 Scottish News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Five Fingers (James Mason). 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Crime Desk. 6.45-7.00 Showcase. 10.35 Late Call. 10.40 Film: Diamonds (Robert Shaw). 12.35 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: starts 9.25 First Thing. 10.50 Siberia. 11.40 Halles and Bachelor Cartoons. 1.20 North News. 1.30 Film: Conspiracy of Hearts (Lilli Palmer). 5.15 Happy Days. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30 Top Club. 10.30 Film: The Secret (Jean-Louis Trintignant). 12.30 News and Weather. 12.35 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: starts 9.25 3-2-1 Contact. 9.55 A Token Gesture. 10.05-12.00 Film: The 25th Hour (Anthony Quinn). 1.20 Central News. 1.30 Film: Four Days in Dallas (Frederick Forrest). 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Newshound. 6.30-7.00 Mr Smith. 10.35 Venture. 11.05 Ice Hockey Night. 11.45 Contact. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 10.25 On Top of the World. 10.40 Film: A Cup of Kindness* (Claude Hulbert). 1.20 HTV News. 1.30 Film: The Biggest Bank Robbery (David Niven). 5.15 Mr & Mrs. 6.00 HTV News. 10.30 Hill Street Blues. 11.30 25th Anniversary of the Marquee. 12.30 Weather, Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six.

CHANNEL As London except 1.20 Channel News. 1.30 Film: Four Days in Dallas. 3.27 Puffin's Pla(l)ce. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Private Benjamin. 10.35 Curtain Raiser. 10.40 Film: Bullitt (Steve McQueen). 12.40 News and Weather in French, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.25 Greece – The hidden treasures. 10.55 Film: "Block-heads"* (Laurel and Hardy). 11.55 Melotoons. 1.20 Calendar News. 1.30 The Story of Wine. 2.00-3.30 Film: "Beyond the Curtain"* (Richard Greene). 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30-7.00 It's a Vet's Life. 10.30 Calendar Commentary. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.40 Portrait of a Legend (The Beach Boys). 11.05 Chips. 11.55-12.00 Wattoo Wattoo. 1.20 Anglia News. 1.30 Film: Seven Days To Noon. 3.15-3.30 Cartoon Time. 5.15-5.45 Joanie Loves Chachi. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 10.30 Anglia Reports. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 All Kinds of Country. 12.30 What Prayer Means to Me. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 North East News. 10.25 The Nature of Things. 11.20 The Flying Kiwi. 11.45-12.00 Larry the Lamb. 1.20 North East News. 1.30 Judi. 3.00-3.30 Film: The Treasure of San Teresa. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 10.32 Briefing. 11.15 Film: The Devil's Web. (Diana Dors). 12.45 Things I Carry With Me.

ULSTER As London except: 10.25 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 10.30 The Adventures of Gulliver. 11.05 Unicorn Tales. 11.30-12.00 3-2-1 Contact. 1.20 Lunchtime. 1.30-3.30 Film: The Burglars (Omar Sharif). 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30-7.00 Lifestyle. 10.30 A Prayer For Ulster. 10.45 Hill Street Blues. 11.40 News.

GRANADA As London except: starts 9.25 Atom Ant. 9.30 Sport Billy. 9.55 The Groovie Ghoulies. 10.20 Unicorn Tales. 10.40 Dick Tracy. 10.45-12.00 Hopalong Cassidy. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30-3.30 Film: The World In His Arms (Gregory Peck). 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 10.30 The Sweeney. 11.30 Star Parade. 12.30 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.25 Joe 90. 10.50 The Mystery of the Anasazi. 11.40-12.00 Wheelies and the Chopper Bunch. 1.20 TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Film: Four Days in Dallas. 3.27-3.30 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Private Benjamin. 10.35 Postscript. 10.40 Film: Bullitt (Steve McQueen). 12.40 Weather. Closedown.

Unions' chiefs in secrets clash

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Further conflict between the unions and the Government over the security of classified state papers has emerged in the continuing controversy over TUC representation on the National Economic Development Council.

Two left-wing members of the TUC General Council, Mr Clive Jenkins, of the the white-collar union, the Association of Sientific Technical and Managerial Staffs, and Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, of the National Union of Public Employees, have defied a requirement to sign the Official Secerets Act before receiving confidential documents on the economy.

They were asked to do so last October when they were elected to the TUC's Neddy team of six. But independently both have refused and the demand has been apparently discreetly dropped.

Their action has come to light after confimation by the general council that its boycott of the NEDC over forced de-unionization at GCHQ will last at least until September.

That decisions means that they have no access to "restricted documents" but in the wake of the GCHQ ban the government's attempt to make them sign the Act is likely to excite further union opposition to TUC involvement in the three-party body of union leaders, government appointees and Confederation of British Industry representatives.

Some Conservative MPs also ask what range of state papers union leaders have access to, after the government argument that deunionization of the Civil Service at Cheltenham was necessary partly because full-time union officials had access to staff but had not themselves pledged to observe the secrets law.

Mr Jenkins and Mr Bickerstaffe were unrepentant last night. Mr Jenkins, a sponsor of the Freedom of Information Campaign, argued that it was ridiculous to be asked to sign the Act, when 30 other members of the NEDC and officials sat is the room throughout the proceeding and briefing was given to the press after they ended.

Mr Bickerstaffe said: "I think it is unacceptable in 1984 to be asked to sign a bit of paper to say that you will not say anthing.

Sale of Old Masters will aid Devonshires to live in style again

From Alan Hamilton, Chatsworth, Derbyshire

"If you are going to live in Chatsworth," observed His Grace the eleventh Duke of Devonshire toeing an ill-matched patch in the dining room carpet, "you have to live in some style. There is no point in retreating to a maisonette in the attic."

Frayed carpets, rotting silk wall coverings, and the ever-present menace of a leaking roof are behind the duke's decision to auction 74 old master drawings at Christie's in July, a sale expected to realize more than £6m, and which is already being regarded as the most significant disposal of family heirlooms since the Roseberys abandoned Mentmore.

Negotiations on a direct sale to the British Museum, which would have brought the duke considerable tax advantages, broke down on the issue of price. Now he is taking a gamble, particularly if a foreign buyer such as the Getty Museum is refused an export licence.

High rent

Chatsworth and its 12,000 acres of spectacular parkland have been turned over to a charitable trust to escape the worst pillages of taxation, but it means that the duke has to pay a substantial annual rent to live in the private half of his own family house. The £2.75 collected from the visitor at the door pays only for the upkeep of the public rooms, which are in noticeably better condition than the private quarters.

"The drawings are my own property, and I am free to sell them with the approval of my personal trustees. They have never been on public show," the duke added.

Those to be sold are a mere fraction of a collection of 2,000 drawings, mostly kept in secret store. Four are at present hanging on a wall in the private quarters: a drawing of the Raphael School, two Rembrandt views, and a Van Dyck, the curtains of the adjoining windows closed to prevent fading. The duke's personal favourite, a Rubens of a woman with a milk churn, is not for sale.

The money raised will largely go to refurbishing the private quarters which the duke, at a rough calculation, estimated at 25 rooms. "We can accommodate, depending on their marital status, a maximum of 14 guests." It will also go to ensuring that the heir to the title, Lord Hartington, is not saddled with the £7m death duties that his father paid when the last duke died in 1950.

The duke said: "If I should ever decide to move out of this place the state would assuredly take it over. If I were to let things slide, the bill to the taxpayer for putting it in order would be eno rmous."

Aid refused

Andrew Devonshire, a former Tory junior minister who defected to the Social Democrats, is anxious neither to give to the Treasury, nor to receive.

"You may call it hubris, but I have always refused, and will continue to refuse, any form of state aid for Chatsworth. I think it morally wrong for someone with my resources to claim taxpayers' money for this house."

It was the sale of a valued Poussin, together with books from the Chatsworth library for a total of about £3m, that enambled the duke to set up the Chatsworth Trust and relieve himself of the direct burden of a stately home owner. Further sales are probable to top up the fund which runs the public part of his house, he said, but whether it will be art treasures or land remains undecided.

The Devonshire estates extend far beyond Chatsworth but, according to the duke, his agricultural holdings throughout the country make a loss. His profits from owning the rich real estate of Eastbourne seafront, he asserted, merely go to make up the deficit on his farming properties.

Not amused

"The sale of these drawings is to restore and redecorate the private quarters, and to provide the wherewithal for me and my family to live in this house. We used to live in the village, and it was so wrong to see it every day up the hill, standing empty."

The second Duke of Devonshire, who amassed the art collection in the late seventeenth century, would not be amused at its partial disposal, but then he did not have the taxman on his back. In these days of taxation, the duke observed: "You can no longer afford to own anything yourself."



Family seat: The Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth (Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

Curb on political levy deducted by employers

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employers to deduct the political levy if the trade union member has signified in writing that he or she does not wish to pay it.

The levy is often deducted automatically and some employers have been known in the past to tell staff requesting not to pay it that they would have to apply to the union to get it back, which has not always been easy. Mr King will tell the Commons that the Government will introduce an amendment in the Lords to cover the point.

The concession is welcomed by Conservative MPs but they do not regard it as meeting the principle of the new clause recommending a contracting in system, which has attracted the support of several former ministers.

Mr John Townend, MP for Bridlington, one of its sponsors, said last night that he would be pressing the issue to a vote.

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Pit vote vetoed as extra police are drafted in

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ing to work and it is expected they will be joined by militant colleagues from Yorkshire. The police will attempt to stop the Yorkshiremen crossing the county border, but it will be less easy to restrict the movements of Lancashire pickets.

At the area's biggest pit, Parkside, near Newton-le-Willows, miners decided by a narrow majority to return

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Letter from Washington

Staying ginned up to torture English

Where the rubber meets the road, so to speak is where you first meet the language of Washington. It is where people pull little red wagons, stay ginned up, sprinkle holy water and keep up to snuff. They are torturing English to death, if you get my drift.

The State Department is a ghastly building in an area of town appropriately called Foggy Bottom. It echoes with boredom. Its stark corridors are arrow-straight, empty of any adornment that might ameliorate the high-gloss institutional greens and greys. These windowless tunnels are punctuated at precise intervals by doors shielding solitary figures doing unsung jobs. Herein lie many of the perpetrators of the jargon of Government Town.

It would be unfair to lay all the blame on the State Department. One must give due acknowledgement to the role of the Pentagon, which is said to house more office workers than any building in the world. Here, too, they are violent with the English language.

Both departments as far as Washington jargon is concerned, are (to use the vernacular) from the same sheet of music. In every other respect theirs is a relationship of pure, unspoiled hatred. They share the whole nine yards of this almost impenetrable, jarring tongue. The monkey, it is important to understand, is on both backs.

Wahingtonese thrives at all levels. It grows and changes like the very English language it purports to represent. Even an outsider who reaches into the Pentagon, the State Department, or indeed any of the other large departments of Government, is not spared the tongue. One feels intimidated. They whip it on you. The cheese gets binding, for sure.

The politically appointed bureaucrats will talk about what the traffic will bear (the stress factor, sometimes used to describe how far they think they can push the electorate). Those with feet held to the fire are going through the acid test and should they fail they might get their water cut off – which means losing critical support.

Much of this nonsense, so they say down at the Pentagon, originates from a respect for the nimble one-liners – sometimes known as straight-liners – heard for many years on the television series *MASH*. Out-obfuscating the other guy is up to speed (in line with current standards.)

None of this, probably, floats your boat (meets with approval). Perhaps it is all a bit of a stem winder (boring). What does it all mean? Where the rubber meets the road is the shop floor, the grass roots. To pull your little red wagon, clearly, is to do your job. The whole nine yards is the entire problem. To be ginned up is to be composed, in control. Up to snuff is the meeting of current standards.

To sprinkle holy water, as will be obvious, is to give approval. And the cheese gets binding, inexplicably, has something to do with the raising of tension.

Above, beyond and almost out of sight of any other perpetrator of this esoteric language is the high priest of tortured English himself, Mr Alexander Haig, the former Secretary of State. He inspired Haigiography, a personalized encryption. He used to talk about functional priority areas and the exacerbation of mutual restraint. "And so," he said, "I caveat it that way."

Pentagonese has given us infamous little expressions like: "Hell, that guy's good. He hit the ground running." Obviously, the guy got off to a splendid start. In that rabbit warren of a building people are frequently said to have their feet in cement or to be rattling somebody's chain.

The *US Navy Times* recently stated on its front page that "at least a cursory knowledge of this jargon is needed for effective communication in your day-to-day operation".

Some real monsters have fallen from the lips of Mr David Stockman, head of the Office of Management and Budget – a department which boasts a splendid new office building around the corner from the White House. It is a veritable hot-bed of bureauspeak. Mr Stockman, famous for his trickledown theory, has now given us "prioritize" to describe what he is doing with President Reagan's economic measures.

Mr Reagan is no mean hand himself, given his preoccupation with avoiding quick-fix solutions and hunkering down. His White House spokesman is called Speakes and that, perhaps, says it all.

Christopher Thomas

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Margaret, as president of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attends a reception to be given by the Duke of Westminster at the Berkeley Hotel, London, 6.25.

New exhibitions

I Lesley Main: recent paintings; Torrance Gallery, 29b Dundas Street, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Fri 11 to 6, Sat 10.30 to 1, closed Sun (until April 7).

British Art 1900 to 1939, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Inverleith House, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until April 29).

Works on Paper by John Bellany, Pier Arts Centre, Stromness, **Orkney**: Tues to Sat 10.30 to 12.30, 1.30 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon (until April 28).

Robert Medley, paintings, and Robert Maplethorpe, photographs, two exhibitions at Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke St, **Oxford**: Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon (until May 20).

Images of India, featuring nineteenth century photographs from the Jane and Howard Ricketts collection, National Museum of Photography, Princes View, **Bradford**, West Yorks; Tues to Sat 12 to 8, Sun 2.30 to 6, closed Mon (until April 29).

Silver from the Family Collection, Burghley House, **Stamford**, Lincs: Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until Oct 7).

West Oxfordshire Arts Association Members Spring Exhibition, Arts Centre, Town Hall, Bampton, **Oxford**; Tues to Sat 10.30 to 1 and 2.30 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 4.30, closed Mon and Weds. (until Apr 23).

Drawings and paintings by Lennox Dunbar and Ian Howard, Glasgow Art Centre, 12 Washington St, Mon to Sat 9.30 to 12.30, 1.30 to 5, 6.30 to 10; Sun 1.30 to 5 (until Apr 6).

19th and 20th century Scottish paintings, Fine Art Society, 134 Blythswood St, **Glasgow**; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 1, closed Sun (until Apr 30).

Sea papers: recent work by Elizabeth Ogilvie, Talbot Rice Arts Centre, Old College, South Bridge, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (until Apr 12).

Drawings and Pastels by Tom Wilson Macaulay Gallery, Oak Inn, Stenton, Lothian; Mon to Tues and Thurs to Sat 12 to 5, Sun 12.30 to 5, closed Weds. (until Apr 15).

Prints by Jonathan Robertson and Sue MacKechnie, **Glasgow** Print Studio, 128 Ingram St; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6, Sat 10.30 to 4, closed Sun (until April 24).

Sculpture by Ron Martin, Meadow Place Gallery, 10 Victoria Chambers, **Dundee**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 6, closed Tues (until April 17).

Last chance to see

Embriodered samplers drawn from the County Museum's textile collection, Stafford Museum and Art Gallery, The Green, 10 to 5 (ends today).

Music

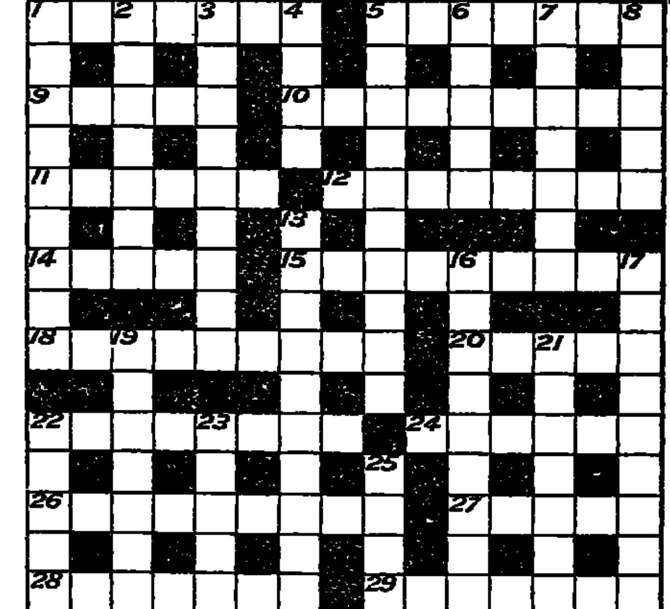
South Glamorgan youth in concert, St David's Hall, **Cardiff**, 7.30.

Talks and Lectures

John Palmer, by John Wreford, Bath Postal Museum, 51 Great Pulteney St, **Bath**, 7.30.

New Zealand, by R. Hitchcock, Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street, **Birmingham**, 6.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,394



ACROSS

1 Lowered by degrees indeed! (7).
5 Many proposals – might be money in them (7).
9 Group backing for the carpenter's project (5).
10 Fish and four IRA members give mock serenade (9).
11 Bird seen in fairies' retreat (6).
12 A number come in looking half frozen (8).
14 Assign a tax return (5).
15 First milk on farm given by workers? (9).
18 Silly fool of a railwayman using wrong line (9).
20 Nutty naval chief? (5).
22 Thus one is in airport, and that's what you want (8).
24 Like meeting one's double returning from Italian town (6).
26 Boys of a bygone period (9).
27 Tearful occupant of nursery bed (5).
28 Irish statesman brought modern reform to many (7).
29 Train people? (7).

DOWN

1 Ancient hymn for birthday, possibly – about March 1 (9).
2 Pernicious prohibition on fuel distribution (7).
3 One only partly dressed? (9).
4 Don. love? (4).
5 Liqueur made by public school old boys (10).
6 Man of religion – and sound cook? (5).
7 Excuse made by girl – no-one's upset (7).
8 Music for the golfer? (5).
13 Robust as Jack was, perhaps (4-6).
16 To convey great emotion? (9).
17 Some words about one form of consciousness (9).
19 Overdraft is permitted (7).
21 Judgment of work in duplicate – nothing in it (7).
22 Cut in cash earned? (5).
23 Roots twisting the trunk (5).
25 Rising divorce centre's heavy blow (4).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,393 will appear next Saturday

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Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Trade Union Bill, completion of report stage.
Lords (2.30): Video Recordings Bill, second reading.

Anniversaries

Births: Hans Christian Andersen, Odense, Denmark, 1805; William Holman Hunt, Pre-Raphaelite, London, 1827; Emile Zola, Paris, 1840.

Deaths: Sir James Clark Ross, Polar explorer, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, 1862; Richard Cobden, politician, London, 1865.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes announced on Saturday are: £100,000:3FW 144099, winner lives in Somerset; £50,000: 8KL 299968, (Merseyside); £25,000: 8LK 881724, (Kent).

Nature notes

The first summer migrants are back. Chiff-chaffs are singing in the treetops, like the rhythmic tap of a hammer on a nail; yellow wagtails dart for insects between the feet of cows. Most of the hardier birds have started breeding: on the moors and mountains, ravens are sitting on eggs in their bulky nests, and golden eagles are repairing their eyries – always so placed that the eagle can spread its great wings and drop straight on to the breeze. Rooks are finishing their nests, in their colonies in the high boughs: the male brings the sticks and the earth, and the female builds. Moorhens are making reed-platforms at the edge of ponds: each pair constructs several of these, and they stand on them nibbling at each other's neck. Eventually one platform will be chosen as the nest.

Most trees are still waiting to come into leaf; even the horse-chestnuts are late this year. On some Norway maples there are stout spikes of bright yellow flowers: when they are blown off by the wind, one sees that miniature leaves are just forming at the base of the spike. Butterflies have also been slow to emerge from hibernation, but a few comma butterflies are out, feeding on the blossom. D J M

The papers

The Sunday Times says the miners' dispute is rapidly turning into a push by the anti-parliamentary left to reverse the result of last June's general election. "If Mrs Thatcher loses, she will be left presiding over a country which is not worth governing."

The Observer adds "the workers are being used as pawns in a desperate struggle for political ends. The Labour party and the TUC should urge caution, adherence to the rule of law – and a secret ballot.".

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.61	1.53
Austria Sch	27.60	26.00
Belgium Fr	82.25	78.25
Canada $	1.90	1.83
Denmark Kr	14.25	13.55
Finland Mkk	8.38	7.98
France Fr	11.88	11.38
Germany DM	3.87	3.69
Greece Dr	161.00	151.00
Hongkong $	11.60	11.00
Ireland Pt	1.27	1.21
Italy Lira	2400.00	2300.00
Japan Yen	338.00	322.00
Netherlands Gld	4.38	4.16
Norway Kr	11.30	10.70
Portugal Esc	197.00	187.00
South Africa Rd	1.97	1.83
Spain Pta	216.50	207.50
Sweden Kr	11.60	11.02
Switzerland Fr	3.22	3.05
USA $	1.48	1.43
Yugoslavia Dnr	184.00	174.00

Retail Price Index: 344.0.
London: The *FT* Index closed down 4.8 on Friday at 877.
New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 5.86 on Friday at 1164.39.

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Roads

Wales and West: M5: Northbound access slip road closed between junctions 16 and 17, diversions operate via A38. At junction 16 hard shoulder and lane 1 closed due to carriageway reconstruction. Delays during holiday period. **A30 (Cornwall)**: Lane closures on the Launceston by-pass between Launceston and the Indian Queens. **A361 (Somerset)**: Temporary traffic signals North-east of Taunton. **A12** at Bentley, on Ipswich to Colchester Rd, Suffolk contraflow. **A34 (Warwickshire)**: Temporary traffic signals in operation soth of Shipston at Tidmington. **M5 (Birmingham)**: Contraflow system operates between junction 3 (Birmingham) and 4 Bromsgrove.

North: A189 (Northumberland): Resurfacing work along Spine road north of Blythe at Glaxo. **A68 (co Durham)**: Improvement scheme between Park Wall and Tow Law, traffic lights. **A54 (Cheshire)**: Drainage work at various locations controlled by traffic lights causing delays between A49 and Winsford.

Scotland: A76 (Ayrshire): South of the junction with the A7 19, SE of Kilmarnock, realignment work, single line traffic and temporary traffic lights. **A8 (Glasgow)**: High Street/Salt Market, watermain replacement, width restrictions. **Edinburgh**: West approach road at Grove Street Bridge, bridge repairs, one lane only each way.

Information supplied by the AA.

Green Line strike

There will be no Green Line coaches or London Country Buses until midnight tonight because of a 24-hour strike over pay.

The week's walks

Today: Riverside Pubs, Prisons and Hidden Paths, meet St Paul's Underground, 7.30. Legal London including Old Bailey, Inns of Court and Royal Courts of Justice, meet St Paul's Underground, 2pm. Haunted East End and Pub Walk, meet Whitechapel Undergound, 7pm.

Tuesday: Spectacular St James's, clubs, pubs and palaces, meet Green Park Underground, 7:30pm. Mysterious Interiors of Hidden London, meet Holborn Underground (Kingsway exit), 9.50. Ghosts of the West End (finishes in a public house), meet Embankment Underground, 7.30pm. Tudor and Stuart London, meet St Paul's Underground, 11am. Historic Westminster, meet Westminster Underground, 2pm.

Wednesday: Streets paved with gold: London Stock Exchange and Guildhall, meet Bank Underground (Royal Exchange exit), 2pm. Legal and illegal London, Inns of Court, meet Holborn Underground, 11am. An Historic Pub Walk, St James's, meet Green Park Underground, 7.30pm. London's Ghosts, Alleys and Oddities, meet Embankment Underground, 7.30pm.

Thursday: Alleys and Courtyards of the City, meet Mansion House Underground, 11 am. Evil London – crime through the ages, meet St Paul's Underground, 2 pm.

Friday: The Famous Square Mile, meet St Paul's Underground, 11 am. An Historic Pub Walk – Dickens's hostelries, meet St Paul's Underground, 7.30 pm. Legal London, meet St Paul's Underground, 11 am (full day tour).

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure extends SW over the British Isles from an anticyclone centred to the NE of Scotland.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E, England, East Anglia: Scattered snow showers, sunny intervals, wind N moderate occasionally fresh; max temp 6C (43F).

Cen S, Cen N England, Midlands: Isolated snow showers sunny intervals, wind NE light or moderate; max temp 7C (45F).

Channel Islands SW England, S Wales: Dry, sunny periods, wind variable mainly NE light, max temp 7C (45F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Mostly dry, sunny periods, wind variable light, max temp 7C (45F).

NE, England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Cen Highlands: Isolated showers sunny intervals, wind N or NE, light or moderate, max temp 5C (41F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Dry, sunny periods, wind variable light, max temp 5C (41F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Cold and dry with sunny periods apart from a few snow showers in the SE and some rain or sleet in the W later. Night frosts.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea Strait of Dover: Wind N strong locally gale decreasing light to moderate; wintry showers; visibility, good; sea very rough becoming slight. **English Channel (E)**: Wind NE, moderate becoming variable light, fair, visibility good. Sea slight becoming smooth. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea**: Wind SE, moderate increasing fresh locally strong, mainly fair, visibility good, sea slight becoming moderate locally rough.

Sun rises: 6.34 am Sun sets: 7.36 pm
Moon rises: 7.17 am Moon sets: 8.42 pm
First Quarter: April 9.

Lighting-up time

London 8.06 pm to 6.0 am
Bristol 8.15 pm to 6.11 am
Edinburgh 8.23 pm to 6.08 am
Manchester 8.16 pm to 6.07 am
Penzance 8.26 pm to 6.24 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud: s, sun: r, rain: h, hail sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	-	-	-	Guernsey	r	7	45
Birmingham	s	6	43	Inverness	-	-	-
Blackpool	h	8	46	Jersey	c	6	43
Bristol	sn	7	45	London	sn	6	43
Cardiff	r	6	43	Manchester	r	7	45
Edinburgh	h	7	45	Newcastle	r	6	43
Glasgow	s	8	46	Ronaldsway	-	-	-

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Newquay 9C (48F) lowest day max: Tynemouth, Margate 5 (41F) highest rainfall: Jersey 0.63 in highest sunshine: Anglesey 10.8 hr.

Saturday: Highest day temp: Hastings 9C (48F) lowest day max: Aviemore 3 (37F) highest rainfall: Culdrose 0.87 in highest sunshine: Anglesey 11.9 hr.

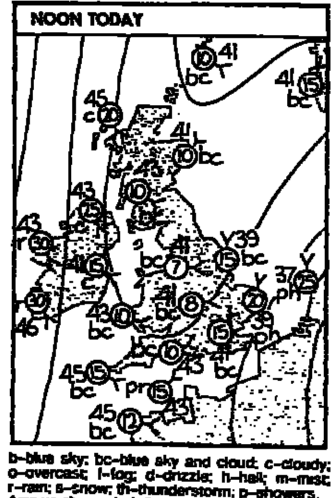
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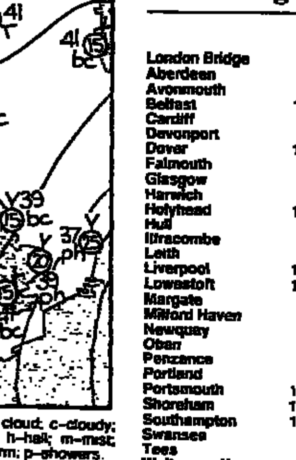
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 6 pm, 63 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 4.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,012.6 millibars, rising.

Saturday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 7C (45F): min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F) Humidity: 6pm, 77 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.2hr. Bar, mean sea level: 6pm, 1,010.0 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)

NOON TODAY





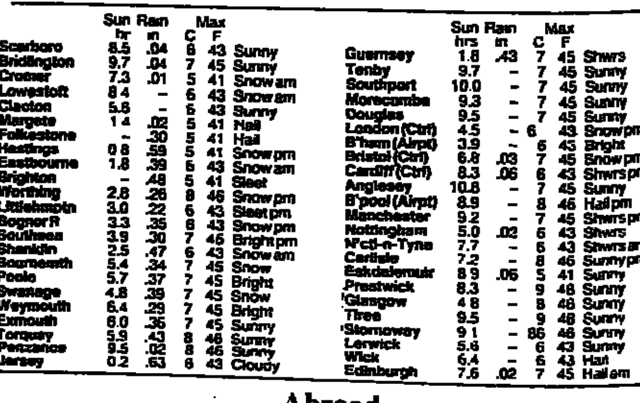
b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.25	6.9	3.46	7.0
Aberdeen	2.57	4.0	2.54	4.1
Avonmouth	8.51	12.8	9.05	12.8
Belfast	12.27	3.0	12.40	3.2
Cardiff	8.36	11.8	8.50	11.8
Devonport	7.22	5.4	7.41	5.3
Dover	12.23	6.4	12.36	6.3
Falmouth	6.52	5.2	7.11	5.1
Glasgow	2.31	4.4	2.44	4.7
Harwich	1.15	3.8	1.41	3.9
Holyhead	11.54	5.5	-	-
Hull	7.59	7.1	8.04	7.5
Ilfracombe	7.35	8.9	7.49	8.9
Leith	4.11	5.2	4.16	5.4
Liverpool	12.40	9.0	12.54	9.2
Lowestoft	11.21	2.2	11.14	2.4
Margate	1.24	4.6	1.53	4.5
Milford Haven	5.50	6.9	8.04	6.8
Newquay	6.40	6.9	6.54	6.9
Oban	7.20	4.0	7.33	3.9
Penzance	6.18	5.5	6.39	5.4
Portland	8.32	2.0	8.57	2.0
Portsmouth	12.53	4.5	1.02	4.4
Shoreham	12.38	6.0	12.48	5.9
Southampton	12.25	4.4	12.30	4.4
Swansea	8.00	9.2	8.13	9.2
Tees	5.17	5.1	5.20	5.3
Walton-on-Naze	1.08	4.0	1.29	4.0

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

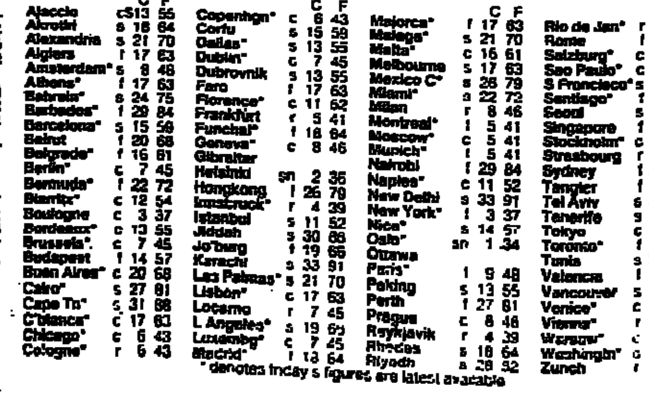
Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	8.5	.04	6	43	Sunny
Bridlington	9.7	.04	7	45	Sunny
Cromer	7.3	.01	5	41	Snow am
Lowestoft	8.4	-	6	43	Snow am
Clacton	5.8	-	6	43	Sunny
Margate	1.4	.02	5	41	Hail
Folkestone	-	.30	5	41	Hail
Hastings	0.8	.59	5	41	Snow pm
Eastbourne	1.8	.39	6	43	Snow am
Brighton	-	.48	5	41	Sleet
Worthing	2.8	.26	8	46	Snow pm
Littlehmptn	3.0	.22	6	43	Sleet pm
Bognor R	3.3	.35	6	43	Snow pm
Southsea	3.9	.30	7	46	Bright pm
Shanklin	2.5	.47	6	43	Snow am
Bournemth	5.4	.34	7	45	Snow
Poole	5.7	.37	7	45	Bright
Swanage	4.8	.39	7	45	Snow
Weymouth	6.4	.29	7	45	Bright
Exmouth	6.0	.35	7	45	Sunny
Torquay	5.9	.43	8	46	Sunny
Penzance	9.5	.02	8	46	Sunny
Jersey	0.2	.63	6	43	Cloudy

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	1.8	.43	7	45	Shwrs
Tenby	9.7	-	7	45	Sunny
Southport	10.0	-	7	45	Sunny
Morecambe	9.3	-	7	45	Sunny
Douglas	9.5	-	7	45	Sunny
London (Ctrl)	4.5	-	6	43	Snow pm
B'ham (Airpt)	3.9	-	6	45	Bright
Bristol (Ctrl)	6.8	.03	7	45	Snow pm
Cardiff (Ctrl)	8.3	.06	6	43	Shwrs pm
Anglesey	10.8	-	7	45	Sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	8.9	-	8	46	Hail pm
Manchester	9.2	-	7	45	Shwrs pm
Nottingham	5.0	.02	6	43	Shwrs
N'cstl-n-Tyne	7.7	-	6	43	Shwrs am
Carlisle	7.2	-	8	46	Sunny pm
Eskdalemuir	8.9	.06	5	41	Sunny
Prestwick	8.3	-	9	48	Sunny
Glasgow	4.8	-	8	46	Sunny
Tiree	9.5	-	9	48	Sunny
Stornoway	9.1	-	86	46	Sunny
Lerwick	5.6	-	6	43	Sunny
Wick	6.4	-	6	43	Hail
Edinburgh	7.6	.02	7	45	Hail am

Abroad



MIDDAY: c, cloud, f, fair: fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	13	55	Copenhgn*	c	6	43	Majorca*	f	17	63	Rio de Jan*	r	24	75
Akrotiri	s	18	64	Corfu	s	15	59	Malaga*	s	21	70	Rome	f	13	55
Alexandria	s	21	70	Dallas*	s	13	55	Malta*	c	16	61	Salzburg*	c	12	54
Algiers	f	17	63	Dublin*	c	7	45	Melbourne	s	17	63	Sao Paulo*	c	20	68
Amsterdam*	s	8	46	Dubrovnik	s	13	55	Mexico C*	s	26	79	S Francisco*	s	17	63
Athens*	f	17	63	Faro	f	17	63	Miami*	s	22	72	Santiago*	f	19	66
Bahrain*	s	24	75	Florence*	c	11	52	Milan	r	8	46	Seoul	s	14	57
Barbados*	f	29	84	Frankfurt	r	5	41	Montreal*	f	5	41	Singapore	f	32	90
Barcelona*	s	15	59	Funchal*	f	18	64	Moscow*	c	5	41	Stockholm*	c	6	43
Beirut	f	20	68	Geneva*	c	8	46	Munich*	f	5	41	Strasbourg	r	7	45
Belgrade*	f	16	61	Gibraltar				Nairobi	f	29	84	Sydney	f	22	72
Berlin*	c	7	45	Helsinki	sn	2	36	Naples*	c	11	52	Tangier	f	16	61
Bermuda*	f	22	72	Hongkong	f	26	79	New Delhi	s	33	91	Tel Aviv	s	23	73
Biarritz*	c	12	54	Innsbruck*	r	4	39	New York*	f	3	37	Tenerife	s	20	68
Boulogne	c	3	37	Istanbul	s	11	52	Nice*	s	14	57	Tokyo	c	4	39
Bordeaux*	c	13	55	Jiddah	s	30	86	Oslo*	sn	1	34	Toronto*	f	6	43
Brussels*	c	7	45	Jo'burg	f	19	66	Ottawa				Tunis	s	21	70
Budapest	f	14	57	Karachi	s	33	91	Paris*	f	9	48	Valencia	f	18	64
Buen Aires*	c	20	68	Las Palmas*	s	21	70	Peking	s	13	55	Vancouver	s	9	48
Cairo*	s	27	81	Lisbon*	c	17	63	Perth	f	27	81	Venice*	c	8	46
Cape Tn*	s	31	88	Locarno	r	7	45	Prague	c	8	46	Vienna*	r	4	39
C'blanca*	c	17	63	L Angeles*	s	19	66	Reykjavik	r	4	39	Warsaw*	c	15	59
Chicago*	c	6	43	Luxembg*	c	7	45	Rhodes	s	18	64	Washingtn*	c	9	18
Cologne*	r	6	43	Madrid*	f	18	64	Riyadh	s	28	82	Zurich	f	6	43

* denotes Friday's figures are latest available